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Scottish rebuff for Mr Jack Jones over pay restraint

A further threat to hopes of a new round of pay restraint emerged at the Scottish TUC last night when rank-and-file members of Mr Jack

Jones's transport union ignored his advice and unexpectedly voted to back militant miners' demands for an end to all pay curbs.

Transport men back miners

From Paul Routledge Labour Editor Rothesay

Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union General Workers' Union (TGWU), last night suffered a serious reversal at the hands of his union's delegates to the Scottish TUC which further

of wage restraint. Against the advice of Mr Jones, the chief architect of the contract, the rank and file delegates voted at the Scot-tish TUC conference in Rothesay to support the militant Scottish miners who are seeking to commit the trade union movement to a policy of no pay restraints of any kind.

threatens hopes of a renewal

The sudden switch in policy by the TGWU delegation means that the miners' resolution on pay must now have a strong chance of becoming the official policy of the Scottish TUC. Although the Scottish TUC has little power and limited influ-ence in the Labour movement, a decision to reject incomes policy is bound to have repercussions throughout the unions.
The TGWU delegation voted 18-12 to support the miners, and the union's 196,000-strong block vote is expected to tip the scales in favour of the militant line.

Mr Michael McGahey, com munist president of the Scottish miners, said last night: "I welcome the reaffirmation of the Scottish TUC for free collective bargaining and against any form of incomes policy that restricts the living standards

of our people.
"I bope this will open up a wages offensive to win increased living, standards and bring about a rapid reduction of unemployment in this

launched a biting attack yester-

day on Japan's import restric-

tions and lop-sided balance of

the Japanese that Britain might not continue to resist local de-mands for protectionism if

Japan failed to offer its partners

reciprocal trade measures.

journalists at a lunch in Tokyo, Mr Dell listed certain barriers

Slight growth in

payments deficit

The balance of payments deficit increased slightly last month to 1232m as oil imports climbed from their low level in February. The volume of both imports and exports increased. A further fall in domestic

living standards was outlined

yesterday with a 2 per cent drop in March retail sales.

Total sales in the first quarter

were lower than for five years
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eaking to businessmen and

trade with Eritain. He warned

Mr Dell warns Japan

Mr Dell, Secretary for Trade, which discriminate against

over trade barriers

Mr McGabey will propose the hard-line resolution in to-morrow's debate on incomes policy, and the transport workers' decision marks a shirt back to traditional political postures by the Scottish TUC.

Last year Mr Jones prevented the left wing line from being adopted, but his efforts this time appear to have failed. Until last night's unexpected hardening of attitude by the TGWU delegates it had been thought that Mr Jones would use his hig block vote in support of the Government and its relief of beliefing in a shirt policy of bringing in a third phase of incomes policy, albeit of a very flexible kind.

The miners will be opposed by the General and Municipal Workers' Union and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union. But the printing union, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fire-

The Scottish TUC general council earlier had split 8-8 on the question of supporting the miners, and their decision to back them was possible only because the communist chair-man of the conference, Mr Hugh D'Arcy, used his casting vote in favour.

The conference had heard a stern warning from Mrs Helen Liddell, who next month becomes general secretary of the Labour Party in Scotland, about the consequences of abandoning the social contract. She said that economic collapse would follow a wages explosion, and the divisions in the Labour movement would put Mrs Tharcher into 10 Downing

She told delegates: "The union movement has

pointed to high tariffs on cer-tain items where Britain was

certainly competitive, discrimi-natory charges which favoured the United States against Bri-tain, and the distribution sys-

tem which inflated the price of

Britain's products in Japan. He said the system of free trade

could only be preserved if Japan opened up its markets

Tindemans win

Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, seems to have received backing in his country's general election for

leading a new coalition govern-ment. His party, the Social Christians, not only won ground

in Flanders but also held its position in French-speaking

The final round of the hearings

ment is obstructing Red Cross

"Roots": Mr Alex Haley was

awarded a special Pulitzer prize for his best-selling book.

worries about the new industrial

relations codes are assessed by Eric Wigham; Pauricia Tisdall ex-plains why hotels are still changing

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in Belgium

never been given the credit for the sacrifices made in honour-ing the social contract, and often it looked as if it was a pretty one-sided deal. But now that pensions have been coming

to the surface, it is not time to turn tail and run; "It has never been a very good negotiating technique to throw out a deal before you know what is in it, and the way some trade union leaders are talking right now, I get the impression that they have not much confidence in their own negotiating ability with the Government."

Mrs Liddell said: "If there is a wage explosion in the autumn, then economic collapse is inevitable. Employers will have a very convenient cover for putting more people

out of work
"Inflation will run riot and we will have no way of getting help from the international paymbrokers. It will not be the industrialists who will suffer, will be our people, and the

weakest among them.

"The only people to benefit from the divisions in our ranks will be the Tories, and the crime of putting Margaret Thatcher into Downing Street will be on our own heads." The opposite argument came from Mr D'Arcy in his presidential address. He said that treating Eritain's ills by keeping wages down and cutting public spending led to a cure

worse than the disease.
"This is the tenth time in 27 years we have been urged to accept wage restraint by suc-cessive governments, and it has failed every time and only made the crisis more acute and the patient more ill.", Mr

Other pay and prices news,

Palestinian named over triple shooting

young Palestinian is wanted by police for question-ing in connexion with the kill-ing of three North Yemenis in Scotland Yard named him last night as Zohair Yousif Akache, aged 23. He was jailed for six months more than a year ago for hitting a police-man at a meeting in Hyde

Park and was later deported.

At the time of his arrest police found Palestine Liberation Organization posters and pictures of PLO personalities in his botel room.

Police believe he is back in London and wasterday description.

London, and yesterday detec-tives raided 20 homes in London, Brighton and Hove.

Commander James Nevill, head of the anti-terrorist squad, appealed to "somebody who must know where he is"

to tell the police. His men have established that Mr Akache booked into the Robert House Hotel, West-bourne Street, London, on the Tuesday before the murder of the former Yemeni prime minister, his wife and a diplo-mar as they left the Royal Lan-caster Hotel. He did not return

to his £5-a-day room after the killings. The room overlooked the front entrance of the Royal Lancaster Hotel.

The victims were al-Qadi Abdulla al-Hajri, aged 65; his wife Farimah, aged 40, and Mr Abdallah al-Hammami, minister

half years studying at an annexe of the Chelsea College of Aeronautical and Automobile Engineering in London and left after gaining his aeronautical diploma at Christmas, 1975.

From Stewart Tendler

Warning of 3 million unemployed by 1985

By Melvyn Westlake

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Britain faces having three million people out of work by 1985; just when the income from North Sea oil is starting to fall. If the nation's industrial decline has not been arrested by then the consequences for unemployment and living standards in the following years could be disastrous."

This view is expressed by Mr Wynne Godley, the director of the Department of Applied Economics, University of Cambridge. Mr Godley, who has been both a consultant to the Treasury and a deputy director of the Treasury and a deputy director of the Treasury in the latest edition of The British Economy, published yesterday by City stockbrokers Vickers, da Costa.

He argues that unemploy-

He argues that unemploy-ment will be increased if Mr Healey maintains the nominal exchange rate of the pound at its present level, as the Chan-cellor hinted in his recent Budget speech.

The recent relative strength of the pound has provoked con-siderable controversy among economists over what should now be the appropriate policy towards the exchange rate.

The view that sterling should not be devalued or that it should be allowed to rise has received support from some influential commentators, and official policy appears to have changed from the previous position of allowing the pound to depreciate. But, Mr Godley says neither these commentators nor the Chancellor have given any indication as to how this policy is consistent with a reversal of the long term deterioration in Britain's competitive performance in world and domestic markets.

If sterling is maintained at current levels, the prospect for unemployment is shown, according to new projections carried out by Mr Godley's colleagues, to be much worse than suggested in the March issue of the Cambridge Economic Policy Review (of which Mr Godley was a joint author). This concluded that, if ster-

ling was allowed to decline to maintain our competitiveness, the long-run adverse trends, combined with the prospective rise in the labour supply, would be likely to result in unemployment "well over two million in the mid-1980s during the peak period of North Sea produc-

Should the Government now adopt what Mr Godley describes as the "soft option" of main-taining the present sterling exchange rate, unemployment could reach 2.2 million by 1981 and 3 million by 1985.

This is because the assumed rise in wages—increasing faster than those in other countriestogether with the maintenance of the present exchange rate, would squeeze company profits Helped by North Sea revenue, real wages will still rise. But at the same time, output, excluding North Sea production, will not increase fast enough to stop unemployment rising.

The stagnation of industrial production, together with the adverse trend in profits, make it very implausible that any industrial strategy could raise manufacturing investment, Mr Godley argues.

He calls for serious concern to be directed to the question of how North Sea oil can be used as the basis for Britain's regeneration, and not to finance her euthanasia.

Prince of Wales dines with Mr Callaghan

By Our Political Staff
The Prince of Wales had dinner with Mr Callaghan and a number of Cabinet ministers at Chequers last night, at the invitation of the Prime Mini-

ster.
Those present were: Mr.
Foot, Leader of the House, Mr.
Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, Mc

Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Hat-tersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.
Mr Callaghan is to fly to West Germany on Monday for a two-day visit to British forces

there.
The Prime Minister The cash has been written off

Dr Owen and his wife on arrival at Heathrow, showing few signs of strain after their arduous African tour.

Rhodesian Front congress agrees to negotiate

From Michael Knipe Salisbury, April 18

After a sometimes highly charged and emotional debate today, an emergency congress of the ruling, all-white Rhode-sian Front effectively gave Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, a open mandate to a constitutional renewed negotiate

Nearly 800 delegates passed by a large majority two amended resolutions. One unsed the Government to astrive to reach an agreement with the party's princi-ples and policies. The other accepted the need for a settle-ment and urged the Governmeat to ensure that "the rights of all communities are meaningfully guaranteed". The congress was convened because of a rebellion by 12 Rhodesian Front Members of

Parliament against the Government's moves to modify racial segregation laws. The rebels secregation laws. The rebels and their supporters claimed that the Government was betraying party principles in order to reach a sell-out settlement. The official purpose of the emergency congress was to "clarify" the party's principles and policies but it failed in fact to do this.

latest sealement issues. During his visit last week Dr Owen, the British Foreign Secretary, made it clear that the main issue was the acceptability of the introduction of majority rule in 1978.

At a brief press conference after the congress Mr Smith was asked whether it was his assessment that the majority of delegates accepted the idea of majority rule next year. He sidestepped the question, saying: This wasn't really discussed in anything like those kind of terms, so I can't really report on that." By all accounts, however, the pros pect of majority rule in 1978 was very much in the minds of the delegates. One of them accused Mr Smith of "sending the country on the same road as Zambia 5

Asked to comment on this, Mr Smith conceded that some delegates had become "hysterical" but said that on the whole the debate had been "constructive and forthright" although conducted in "strong

Dr Colin Barlow, one of the group of '12 rebel' MPs, commented afterwards that it had been a "no-change" congress

ment to "see the Eritish initia-tive through".

In an hour-long interview on Rhodesian radio and television, Owen has advised white Rhodesians that they would have to take action now on things which would take place in any case after the advent of

majority rule—such as on the abolition of all racial discrim-The Foreign Secretary made it clear that he sympathized with all the black nationalists. The nationalists, who had embraced the cause of war, were essentially "men of good will being driven to take up arms", he said. Dr Owen also said bluntly that democratic elections for the transfer of power to the African majority were impossible under the present Rhodesian Front

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Dr Owen said on arrival home from Africa yesterday that it would be extremely difficult to achieve a peaceful

transition to majority rule.

"Inside Rhodesia there are many differing views, there is considerable scepticism almost

ambiguous attitude to the and would allow the Govern- to give up power and accept black majority government." he said at London airport.

It was not for him to make personal judgment on Mr Smith's commitment. "I have got to conduct the negotiations as if he does believe what he says. I will judge the outcome and his intentions on events".

But Dr Owen added that he had warned many white Rhodesians that if they started negotiations, and in six months' time their actions gave cause for disbelief about their inten-tions, then there would be a very vicious backlash and world opinion would react very adversely. "The days of mov-ing on this issue in a way that will be thought not to carry true conviction are over ".

Dr Owen also gave a warning that there was no chance of the guerrilla war being reduced in scale.

Ar the meeting of EEC foreign ministers, which he attended in London later in the day, Dr Owen confirmed that the idea of a trust fund for an independent Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), designed to encourage the white population to stay on in verging on disbelief as to the country after independence, whether the Rhodesian Front was very much part of the and Mr Smith really do intend Anglo-American plans.

Sir Eric Miller in Peachey debts clash

Sir Eric Miller was asked to resign as a director of Peachey Property Corporation because of more than £200,000 incurred in

the company's name.

Sir Eric, who stood down as chairman and managing director of the group two weeks ago and who has since refused to resign from the company, said last night that he still planned to stand for reelection at Peachey's annual meeting in May despite the opposition of his fellow

directors.
Peachey's 1976 accounts, pubreacheys 1976 accounts, pub-lished yesterday, show that Sir Eric has repaid £177,671 cover-ing what Lord Mais, who suc-ceeded Sir Eric as chairman, yesterday described as "ex-penses not accepted by the auditors or by the board as company costs . . . in effect, personal debt of Sir Eric ..

Among these expenses is the sum of £34,343, a debt the accounts show as "owing by Sir Eric Miller to a subsidiary which was not disclosed in the group accounts as at June 24, 1975, as that subsidiary has an incorrect understanding of the nature of the transactions concerned". Apart from this mis-understanding Sir Eric has also repaid 550,000 for other un-

detined debts.

These personal debts, although of concern to the present board, were not behind their call for Sir Eric's resigna-tion last week. Lord Mais explained vesterday that the sum of \$282,000, which appeared in last year's accounts as a possible bad debt, incurred in connexion with a proposed

European venture", was the cause of the row. Investigations by Peacliey's auditors. Price Waterhouse, have been unable to confirm that the £282,000 " was properly incurred on the business of the

in this year's accounts and pending the result of further investigations by the auditors,

Sir Eric Miller: plans to stand

for reelection. legal action for recovery may Further details of any loans

and expenses incurred by Sir Eric will be covered in an investigation of Peachey's opera-tions by Price Waterhouse. The report commissioned by Lord Mais should be completed within the next few months and
will, he hopes, forestall any
question of a Department of
Trade investigation.
in a statement last night Sir
Eric says that he plans to stay

as a director and that reason has been made known to Sir Eric Miller, nor communicated to shareholders ... justifying the request by other directors for his resignation as a director" Sir Eric knows of no event,

no fact and no allegation to bring about this change of attitude (by his fellow directors). "The present strength of The present strength of

Peachey as a public company with assets exceeding £43m is principally the result of Sir Eric's endeavours since his association with the company from its inception in 1958. . . ." Financial Editor, page 19

Nine support majority rule by Africans

statement of principles on southern Africa was drawn up, after Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, had reported on the improved prospects for settlement in Rhodesia.

The statement reaffirms that the EEC countries will do everything possible to promote democratic majority rule and non-racial government for the peoples of southern Africa.

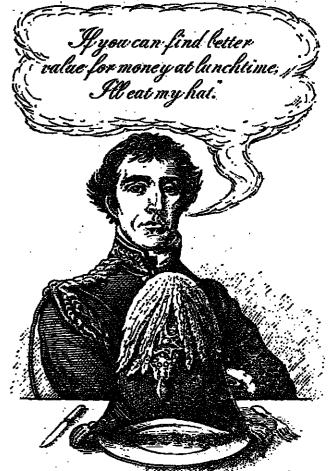
The French decision to air-

Good progress was made by the EEC foreign ministers at their political cooperation meeting in London yesterday. at the meeting. The French move, without consulting their

partners, has raised some eye-brows in the Community, not-withstanding the general sup-port for President Mobuto's regime in Zaire.

Namibia (South-West Africa) also looms large in the prob-lem of southern Africa. The foreign ministers confirmed their stand in favour of demo-cratic elections and mainting cratic elections and majority rule in Namibia. Dr Owen had insisted that there could be no deals with South Africa on lift Moroccan troops to Zaire
was not criticized. The French
Foreign Minister explained
that when President Giscard

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nized that South Africa was
going to compromise either. Rhodesia or Namibia. He recognized that South Africa was not



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plenipotentiary at the North Yemeni Embassy, in London. They were killed with an 0.32 automatic pistol, which has not been found been put forward for the by Reducing waste: A campaing starts to get better value for money in goods and services bought by the Government '5 been found. Mr Akache spent two and a Tel Aviv: Lebanon Christian militia complain Beirut Govern-

> meet Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor at RAF Artist's impression, page 2 | Bruggen on Monday.

Mystery over bomb threat to Mr Enoch Powell

In a joint statement the Rev Ian Paisley, MP, and Mr Ernest Eaird, leader of the United

ists who are planning to take to the streets of Portadown, co Armagh, today in support of a

searched extensively by the said: "The bomb attack was placed before the fair and it is not known whether the bomb was intended to kill and was planted during the fair, who was present at Saturday's vehicle checkpoint. The prosected to ask for who was present at Saturday's vehicle checkpoint. The prose-ceremony, referred to the re-cent dispute in loyalist circles an adjournment of the cases over Mr Powell's decision to until next month.

Mr. Muson, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday denied that the prosecutions were a political decision and

left near the centre of Beliast.
The Irish Government announced vesterday that two more of the IRA hunger strikers at Portlagise prison had taken food, leaving 16 men still taking part in a protest against condi-

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Richard Burt says there can be no magic formula to stop the arms

Court told of 'Flash Fred' A freed hijacker known as

of torture allegations against Eritain by the Irish Republic, opening in Strasbourg today before the European Court of Human Rights, is expected to produce a new wave of Soviet "Flash Fred" went to out-rageous and illegal lengths to set money from the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, the prosecution alleged at the Central Criminal Court. Counsel said Flash Fred was Fouald Hussain Abu Kamil, who lived in Spain Page 4

Call for curbs

banned from Heathrow airport, Loudon, from heaturow airport, Loudon, from dusk until early morning, the Noise Advisory Council recommended. It also called for the reduction of flights by other noisy, uncertificated aircraft Page 2

magic formula to stup the arms race; Bernard Levin delves, into Richmond's dustbins; Madeline, Drake coasiders the plight of the

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layalist organization, said that he was the target because "he is just here to take advantage of our people". But the bomb failed to go off the caller added, and he asked the newspaper to telephone the police.

was planted during the fair, or was placed afterwards as a Yesterday both the Ulster

A mysterious attempt at the weekend to intimidate or kill Mr Enoch Powell, MP for Down, South, with a bomb reverberated yesterday in the "loyalist" political community with sharp exchanges and Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association denied responsibility.

Mr Powell commented:

"Just fancy that" when told about the bomb. suspicion.

A 3lb bomb was found in the Orange Hall at Lisburn, co Down, on Sunday after a teleabout the bomb.

Mr Harry West, leader of the Official Unionist Party, pointed phone call to a Belfast newsopened a fair in the hall and the caller, claiming to represent an unspecified but proscribed

our that Lisburn was a strong Protestant area. "I would be very surprised if any IRA orga-nization could get into that Orange Hall ", he said: Mr Thomas Passmore, leader of the Orange Order in Belfast, said the act was the work of "disloyal loyalists", who could have murdered dozens of Pro-

The bomb was found hidden Mr James Molyneaux, leader tougher security policy and of on an unused staircase lead of the United Ulster Unionist a group of Protestant vigilances ing to a stage. The hall was Coalition MPs at Westminster,

side with the Government the confidence vote last month. He said that there might have been some desire to frighten Mr Powell.

Ulster Unionist movement, said that Mr Molyneaux had niade serious allegations against his colleagues in the Unionist coalition and should either substantiate or withdraw his charge.
The bomb may not help to further the cause of those loyal-

facing prosecution.

said there-had been no intersain there had been no inter-ference by the Northern Ire-land Office to postpone the hearings until after local elec-tions next month. The Army yesterday defused a bomb attached to a lorry carrying up to a thousand gallons of oil which had been

tions at the jail. .

From Christopher Walker

An intensive new wave of anti-Western propaganda is expected to arise from the crucial final round of the protracted case over allegations of torture made against Britain by the Irish Republic, which opens

today before the European
Court of Human Rights.
Most of Russia's main news
gathering organizations will be
represented at the four-day transcript of the commission's hearings remains confidential. That remarkable classified document runs to 4,500 pages, and remains a closely guarded secret, with one original and hearing before 18 international judges. The proceedings will cover detailed allegations of breaches by Britain of five stricles of the European Con-tention on Human Rights, in-chroning more than 200 cases of two copies in existence. dence to the commissioners about the operation of intern-ment were General Sir Harry ill treatment by the security forces between 1971 and 1974. Tuzo, a former GOC in Northern Ireland, and Sir Graham Shil-lington, a former Chief Con-Besides preparing to relay to Moscow extensive accounts of the charges against Britain, the stable of the RUC. Russians are believed to be sathering material in advance of the important East-West con-ference scheduled for Belgrade Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, and a 10-strong team of lawyers and officials have been in Stras-

this summer.
Although the Strasbourg hearings provide easy access to material damaging to Britain, it is not clear how valuable it will be to the Russians except domestic consumption. British sources emphasize

that although the court is likely to find against Britain to some extent, the Government has at least demonstrated willingness to answer the allegations before a recognized international

In addition to the wide-ranging allegations of torrure against British soldiers and policemen, the Irish Govern-ment will attempt to persuade the court to rule that the use of internment in 1971 discrimiinternment in 1971 discriminated against the Roman Catholic minority.

That argument has been rejected by the European Companies in the sum-

That argument has been re-jected by the European Com-mission of Human Rights, which heard 113 witnesses before preparing a report that forms the basis for this week's proceedings. But the Irish Attorney General, Mr Declan Costello, will be taken against the will urge the court to overthrow

centre for people

signed to provide as normal an

environment as possible in terms of working and living.

an activity centre. Each single-

storey home takes 24 residents, with bed-sitting rooms for four,

The school will take the 48 child residents and an addi-

from the surrounding area.

The unit, called Ridge Hill,

Community

mentally ill

From Arthur Osman

Birmingham

mer. As the case is the first of its kind between two countries

French skipper

forfeits £3,000

Among those who gave evi-

The British Attorney General

bourg since last Sunday pre-paring for the case, which could

have serious repercussions for Britain's international standing.

Among points that will be most strongly contested will be the continuing effort by the Irish to secure legal or disciplinary measures against British soldiers and policemen involved in the allegations

I understand that the Irish

delegation will press that point, asking the court either to order Britain to take measures against

the men involved or expand the commission's original verdict of

torture to cover more than 200 cases of brutality allegedly com-

mitted between 1971 and 1974.

in the allegations.

trawl net

From Our Correspondent Pierre Coppyn, skipper of a French trawler found fishing in British waters with under-A self-contained community development for 168 mentally handicapped adults and children sized nets, was fined £250 with near Stourbridge, West Mid-lands, which has cost £2.25m, f100 costs by magistrates at Hull yesterday. The court also ordered the forfeiture of the will start taking residents in the summer, it was stated yesterday. trawl net, worth about £3,000. The West Midlands Regional M Coppyn, of the trawler Guynemer, pleaded guilty to contravening the North East Atlantic fisheries conservation regulation, to which the EEC is Health Authority said it was the largest of its type in the country, covering a 21-acre site, and was an important innovation in treatment for mentally handicapped people, being de-

party. The prosecution said the fisheries officer of the fishery profection frigate Hardy found the trawler fishing for white fish 90 miles due east of the Humber with a net that had a mesh size of 42mm instead of the 75mm required under the regulation.
M Coppyn had said he was

adjoining Wordsley Hospital, near Stourbridge, and provides seven homes, five for adults and two for children, a school and fishing for mackerel and herr-ing, but there was little mackerel in the white fish hand the fisheries officer had seen brought up and the total catch contained only two boxes of

tional 50 bandicapoed children herring.

Mr Peter Marrin, for the defence, said that under the French regulations the skipper The activity centre includes accommodation for doctors, was allowed to catch 20 per cent of mackerel with the 42mm therapists, community nurses and dentists. There is residential accommodation for staff and net but under the British regu-

Hattersley hope of 13 pc price rise rate

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

that finding and declare Britain guilty of breaching Article 14 of the convention. The Government's hope of An early disagreement will arise over the admissibility of bringing prices increases down to an annual level of 12 or 13 evidence heard in camera before per cent by Christmas and single figures thereafter was re-iterated last night by Mr the commission. The Irish will press for certain selected sections to be submitted to the Hattersley, Secretary of State court, while Britain will attempt for Prices and Consumer Proto ensure that the verbatim

His comments came the day after Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, said that the trade unions were looking to the Government for a temporary price freeze on essentials, a strengthened system of controls over the passing on of costs, and limits on profit margins.

Mr Hattersley, who was being interviewed on Granada Television's Reports Politics programme, said that a total price freeze could not be imposed by any democratic government. "We cannot freeze everything because some price increases are unavoid-able."

But he added that there would be powers in the promised Prices Bill to freeze specific prices.
When asked if he saw the Government getting into a con-frontation with Mr Jones over freeze, Mr Hattersley replied: This Government needs to continue its partnership with the trade unions and Mr Jones is central to that."

Mr Jones knew that the Bill was "much tougher than any thing done in the past. "If we do not get a wage agreement", he said, "prices

are really going to be up to the level of your prediction by Christmas." [A Granada survey had suggested that increases are running at an annual rate of 21 per cent.] 'Need for flexibility': The

next agreement between trade unions and the Government to hold down wages should be more flexible, Mr Healey, the Chancellor, said in Luxembourg yesterday (Associated Press reports). He had been attending a meeting of EEC finance ministers.

"Pever of opposition": Mr
Grant, Under-Secretary of State
for Employment, spoke last
night of a "dangerous spring
fever" of opposition to the pay
policy (the Press Association He told a meeting in London: "Of course flexibility is vital and that has been clearly recognized. But the free-for-all should be as repugnant to socialists as it is perilous to the nation as a whole."

A London-based film processing laboratory which has been involved in a 35-week dispute

former employees has served a writ on the Advisory Concilia-

tion and Arbitration Service (Acas), alleging that it has exceeded its authority by taking an "attitude survey" among

In serving the writ of ultra

vires Grunwick Processing Laboratories has ensured that

a dispute which raises funda-

mental issues for the trade union movement will have a legal as well as a political

The issues are complex but

hinge on the company's deci-sion to dismiss workers who had walked out of the factory last August complaining of poor pay

and conditions. Grunwick man-

agement denied their allega-

the striking workers.

ingredient.

By Tim Jones

Labour Reporter

TGWU men decline to help airport strikers

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

Engineering workers who have disrupted British Airways for two weeks were denied vital support from other aviation employees yesterday. The 4,000 unofficial strikers are clearly alone in their continued stop-page and are under immense pressure to return to work. A meeting of Transport and

General Workers' Union members employed at Heathrow, attended by between 3,000 and 4,000 people, fell short of supporting the engineering workers in their unofficial action but threatened to shut Heathrow if any TGWU jobs were put at risk.

It is unlikely in the medium

term that there will be any lay-offs. The immediate prospect is that the engineering vorkers face a long battle in their claim for better shift pay-ments and improved pay bar-gaining rights outside the normal negotiation machinery.
The Amalgamated Union of
Engineering Workers is applying strong pressure to the 4,000 to give up their unoffi-cial action and to seek redress

will be given a thorough air-But in an act of defiance the five AUEW shop stewards leading the strike called off a meeting of their supporters which had been planned for yesterday morning and which

through the accepted machinery, based on manage

ment assurances that their case

management had hoped would result in a vote for peace. The next move is due today at a meeting of British Airways management and AUEW leaders, called by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, in yet another attempt

to produce an acceptable peace

Mr Reginald Birch, the AUEW national officer who is leading the union's attempt to persuade its members to work normally, has been snubbed several times during the twoweek dispute in his attempts to end the action.

Although the TGWU members have not backed the AUEW men, they are by no means happy with the management's bandling of the dispute and British Airways stewards of the union have called for the resignation of Sir Frank Acc. adzean, British Airways chairman.

Nevertheless, the union's 35,000 members throughout Heathrow are working normally and the airline yesterday maintained 60 per cent of European flights. Only four or five long-distance flights out of an average of 25 a day were cancelled. Efforts are being concentrated on long-distance flights at the expense of European and domestic flights and all domes-tic flights were again cancel-led yesterday. A similar pattern is expected today

We can close that airport. We have done it before." The have done it before" union's members include drivers, cabin staff, firemen,

loaders and refuellers. There were no words of support from Mr Shorter for the AUEW men and he appealed to them "to come back into the fold". He said: "We have bent backwards to help them. We want unity."

He said all negotiations should be conducted through the National Joint Council for Civil Air Transport. That was the only way to succeed. "We do not want this jeopardized by small elements."

Significantly, Mr Shorter felt able to defend a union-management pact to keep much of the airline operating, a pact dubbed by the AUEW shop stewards as a "blacklegs' charter". Offi-cially that pact is now defunct but the principle of covering the AUEW men's jobs where possible is still operating. Mr Shorter's words merely empha-sized the isolation of the engineering workers. "We do not believe that we

are blacklegging", he said.
"Our members are just carrying out their jobs. We will keep the airline flying to safeguard the jobs of our members." the jobs of our members."

But he did add that the call for Sir Frank McFadzean's resignation had been made by 250 TGWU shop stewards. The demand would be presented to

day for continuing to operate the "blacklegs' charter", which, they said, was supposed to have been rescuided. Mr Jack Gatsky, one of the stewards, said : "The charter has not really been withdrawn. Aircraft are being flown and spares are being

He said he and his colleagues would not meet again until tomorrow morning. That would provide a breathing space in which to hold negotiations.

Refuelling plea Workers on strike at Sydney Airport agreed yesterday to refuel four grounded Junbo jet airliners after an appeal by international airlines who international airlines wanted to fly out hundreds of stranded passengers.
British Airways, KLM, Alitalia, Philippines Airlines and

Singapore Airlines joined in the appeal and said the grounding of their aircraft was disrupting timetables round the world The aircraft are expected to leave today.

The strikers refused to refuel

aircraft over the weekend in support of petrol tanker drivers and refuellers in Victoria and Tasmania who went on strike

for higher pay and better conditions.—Reuter.

Airline paralysed: A strike by more than 600 pilots, flight engineers and navigators paralysed the international and domestic flights of Pakistan International Airlines yesterday. The strikers are demanding officer: "If BA threatens our resignation and open made by doubton. International Airlines yester day. The strikers are demanding the Covernment.

The AUEW shop stewards to day. The strikers are demanding the Covernment.

The AUEW shop stewards pay.—Agence France-Presse.

Leading article, page: day. The strikers are demanding shorter flying hours and higher Leading article, page 15

Sought by police: An artist's

impression of Zohair Yousif Akache, aged 23, wanted for questioning in connexion with the murder of three North Yemenis outside the Royal Lancaster Hotel London, on Easter Day.

Backing promised for pilots From Ronald Faux

Aberdeen

As more union support was pledged yesterday for pilots of Bristow Helicopters Ltd, on strike at Aberdeen airport, flights to North Sea oil rigs and platforms were sharply reduced, and the company's airport fuel stocks were under stood to be running low.

Transport and General Workers' Union members who drive fuel vehicles refused to cross picket lines imposed by pilots. The strike is over the dismissed of a Rristow pilot. dismissal of a Bristow pilot and has the official backing of his union, the British Air Line Pilots Association (Balpa). Mr William Banning, a Balpa industrial relations officer, said yesterday that offers of support had come from pilots of British Airways helicopters based at Aberdeen and Shet-land, and from the National Union of Seamen and the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers Association

He said Bristow Helicopters had received no fuel since Friday morning, and that fewer than half a dozen Bristow flights had left the airport yes-terday, instead of the usual 25. The strike is supported by most Bristow pilots. They are demanding the reinstatement of Captain Peter Royston, who received a letter of dismissal after refusing a posting within the company to Malaysia. Beyond this central issue is

Night ban on Concorde at Heathrow urged

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Concorde airliners should be concorde airliners should be banned from Heathrow airport, London, at night and during the evening and early morning, the Noise Advisory Council, which advises the Government on aircraft noise, recommends in a report published today. The council also recommends

that operators of Concorde at Heathrow should offset the increased noise from the super-sonic aircraft by reducing the numbers of flights by other noisy, uncertificated aircraft. The views of a working party of the council were based on the first eight morans of Concorde in airline opera-

tion. Commenting on the recommendations, the Department of Trade said last night that there were no plans to operate Concorde at night, or for it to take off in the evening or early morning. ing or early morning.

A report prepared for the department by the Civil Avia-

year of Concorde operations, and due to be published next week, would show that the impact of the operations around Heathrow had been small.

taken by Acas, which did not include most of the 250 people still working for the company,

tion that the company should

recognize the union.

Grunwick countered by main-

taining that the opinions of

those who lost their jobs were a foregone conclusion and not

relevant, as they were no longer

The union contends that if that submission was supported in law it would make the em-

ployment provisions of the Act

meaningless and open a loop-hole that would enable em-ployers to dismiss with impunity workers who asked for recogni-tion.

It is understood that in its

workers.

culminated in a recommend

Strike-bound firm serves writ on Acas

Less than 5 per cent of jets, its duration is shorter recordings exceeding 110 perceived noise decibels were made by Concorde, the department said. ment said.

ority was in contrast to the generally gloomy tone adopted by the working group of the noise council. Their report said that during

the first eight months of operations, 72 per cent of the 97 departures made by 97 departures made by Concorde from Heathrow resulted in noise levels in

excess of 110 perceived noise decibels.

Had those levels been recorded by subsonic aircraft they would have been classed as infringements of the monias infringements of the mon-toring regulations. The manu-facturers' hopes and promises of reduced noise in commercial service had not been achieved,

It came to public notice

Post Office Workers refused to

deliver mail to the company.

Mr Prior. Conservative employ

ment spokesman, called on Mr Murray, TUC general secretary, to say whether he recognized

the rights of people not to join

As a result of the dispute, the

union may also become embroiled in a legal action to

determine what rights people have to picket. After some mem-

bers had been found guilty of

obstruction by magistrates earlier this year, counsel for the union said: "The decision of the coort renders illusory the protection which Parliament has sought to give to peaceful pickets and there is

therefore at stake an issue which has implications for the

generally ".

union movement

Computer Staff recruited the involved High Court actions,

striking workers and lodged a arrests and convictions, sympa-claim for recognition with Acas thetic union action and a par-

under section II of the Employ-ment Protection Act. It came to p

When Concorde exceeded "and it seems unlikely that the 110 perceived noise decibels limit for subsonic jet air craft at the airport, the noise levels recorded had been spread over the same range as contend the view that although concorde's take-off noise is these for subsonic integrates. and even within the European

The sanguine view of Concorde's first year of operations taken by the Department of Trade and the aviation author Trade and the aviation author. group and the largely conflict-British Airways and Air we have already been through? France, opposed by the Port of It is a project which could be New York Authority, will shared on both sides of the attempt to gain entry for the Concorde to New York.

Mr Heath suggested that Concorde Noise Levels (Stationery Office, 50p).

Our Political Correspondent writes: A larger version of the Concorde which would be quieter and carry more passengers and would be built in cooperation with the United States was proposed last night by Mr Heath, the former Prime Minister, at a conference organized by the European Movement at

£10 a week 'lost

social contract'

a week, Mr Patrick Lyons

The social contract has made

worker has sacrificed about £10

yesterday in his presidential address to the annual conference of Tass, the Technical, Administrative and Supervisory

section of the engineering wor-

He added that the social con-

tract was logically at an end be-cause the Government had not

fulfilled its part of the bargain.

He recommended the trade union movement "and our

political allies" to work to re-store free collective bargaining

Mr Lyons told the conference

in Bournemouth that the social contract had transferred about £12,000m of value from work-

ing people to employers and

others. No wonder profits were leaping and the Stock Exchange

Westminster.

under the

He criticized the waste of resources by the western nations

Community on parallel indus trial developments, especially on computers and aircraft produc-

"Concorde is an obvious example", he said. "The British and French governments have worked for 15 years on this project, and spent £750m each, and now we hear that the Americans want to do the same. "Here is the western world wasting its resources. V should the Americans through all the processes which we have alread.

Europe should say to America: We will work together on a stretched Concorde. We will be generous. We will not charge you every cent or dime we have spent on developing it, but we expect a substantial contribution. But together we will produce a new Concorde with which we will scoop the world.

"If we do not, we shall see the Russians do it. This is the way these big projects should be handled." way these big projects should be handled."

Baipa is seeking recognition by Bristow, a non-union company.

Bank union 'will not just watch living standards fall'

working people "a damn sight worse off" and the average expected to sit 108y by while its members' living standards con-tinued to fail. Mr Tony Maughan, the union's honorary president, said yesterday.

> He told Nube's annual conference, at Sheffield University that pay curbs had badly affected bank workers' hving standards; even worse, erosion of differentials had distorted the pattern of pay. At the same time,

employers seemed to be becoming more interested in seeing how much work they could get out of their staff.

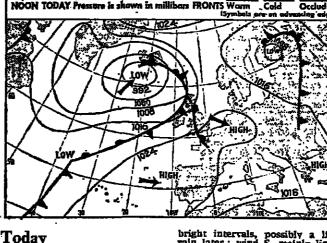
The union was pledged to restore differentials as soon as possible. That would be in the interest of its members and of the industry, "which will cer-tainly suffer if we do not have a return to free collective bargoining, or at the very least a

The National Union of Bank much more flexible form of Employees (Nube) could not be restraint, he said. So far we have not had any of the strikes that this problem

has caused elsewhere added. But the union could not go on sitting idly by. Pay restraint had also harmed the union in relation to the stoff associations. "It tends to create the impression that the staff associations are as successful as Nube because the same limit is placed on our efforts as theirs."

Mr Maughan called for tougher penalties against bank raiders. Anyone who has met the staff of a branch that has been raided, even those not directly involved, is almost certain to share this view." The banks had done much to reduce the dangers but only unsuccessful raids or the arrest of the criminals and the recovery of the money could

Weather forecast and recordings



Suu rises : 5.57 am, Moon rises: Moon sets: 6.28 am. 9.18 pm.

Lighting up: 8,34 pm to 5,25 am.

max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).

W Midlands, E, NE, central N England: Dry at first, bright intervals in places; outbreaks of rain spreading from W, wind S, light, increasing to moderate or fresh; max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).

SW England, S Wales.—Mosely cloudy. occasional rain or

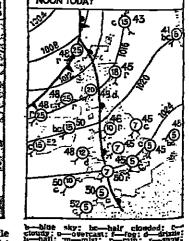
SW England, S Wales.—Mosny cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, hill and coastal fog; wind SW, light or moderate, max temp 11 to 13°C (52° to 55°F).

Lake District, NW England, N Wales: Mosny cloudy, rain or drizzle at time, hill fog; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

(54°F).
Glasgow, Argyll, SW, NW Scotland, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain or drizzle, bill fog. brighter and mainly dry later; wind S, fresh or strong, veering SW and moderating; max temp 12°C (54°F). 12°C (54°F).
Sea passages: S North Sea,
Strait of Dover: Wind SW, light

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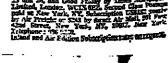


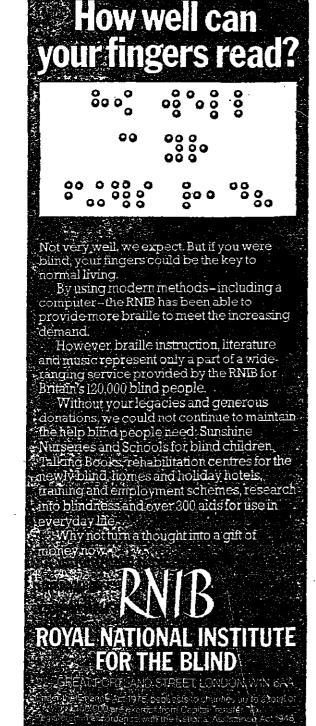
or moderate; sea slight.
English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind SW, moderate, locally fresh; sea mainly slight. Irish Sea: Wind SW, fresh or strong; sea rough.
Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Rain at times in N and W, mainly dry in SE, some bright intervals; rather warm in S, normal temp in N.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 9°C (48°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 50 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 1,026 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.







writ the company is seeking to prove that retrospection is no part of the Employment Pro-tection Act. The dispute has The Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Woman died 'with a look of horror on her face'

Miss Jennifer Cooper, aged 6, an Oxford graduate, 26, an Oxford graduate, mysteriously died on waste ground 200 miles from her home in Hampstead, London, with a look of horror on her face, it was stated at an inquest at Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford-

at Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford-shire, yesterday.

She left her home in Wed-derburn Road Hampstead, cashed a cheque, and caught a train from Euston to Stoke-on-Trent, a city where she had

Virus outbreak

home for elderly

Eighteen of 45 patients aged

between 75 and 90 at the West-

wood old people's home, in Clasper village, Tyne and Wear, are suffering from

symptoms of gastroenteritis and three are in hospital, Gareshead social services

The local public health department is carrying out an investigation, and results of tests are awaited, but the virus

is not thought to be influenza or food poisoning.

Six-monthly lift

Passenger-carrying "pater-noster" lifts consisting of con-

tinuous chains of small cars,

ought to be inspected for safety twice as frequently as is

legally required, the Health and

Safety Executive said yesterday.

After investigations resulting

from a fatal accident in New-

castle upon Tyne in 1975, the executive has recommended that such lifts should be

thoroughly examined at least

once every six months.

checks urged

department said yesterday.

at Tyneside

ner, said that when he saw the body "there was a look of horror on the face, the fists were clenched, and the leg drawn up to the body. I don't know what could have caused that." He recorded an open It was stated that death was due to poisoning by aspirin, paracetamol and codeine.

never been, and apparently had no connexions with.

Mr Frederic Hails the coro-

Jilted man jailed after injuring two policemen Herbert Stratton, aged 52, a

garage owner, of Tennant Road, York, told a woman friend that he had driven a van involved in a fatal accident in 1944, it was Court. The woman felt that she could not trust him fully again, and ended their relationship. Mr Stratton, it was stated, then threw a brick through a plate glass door at her home; drove over a central reservation to avoid a police road block; drove four miles at up to 70 mph on the wrong side of a dual carriageway and went round two roundabouts the wrong way; and collided with

one police car, then drove at another, injuring two officers.

He was jailed for uine months, fined £55 and disqualified from driving for 15 years after admitting damaging after admitting damaging a glass door, carrying an offensive weapon, dangerous driving, damaging two police cars and causing bodily harm to two police officers by wanton driving.

American praise for British Chemistry PhD The reputation of the British chemistry PhD remains good in the United States, according to a survey of leading Ameri-

The Chemical Society asked 40 senior managers in Ameri-can companies whether they regarded the British qualificaregarded the British dualities from as highly as the American PhD. The society was anxious to test recent reports (for example by the House of

Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology) of widespread American criticism of postgraduate science educa-tion in the United Kingdom. None of the industrialists was highly critical of the British PhD, and about half, " gave an unqualified assurance of absolute comparability of the British and American qualifica-

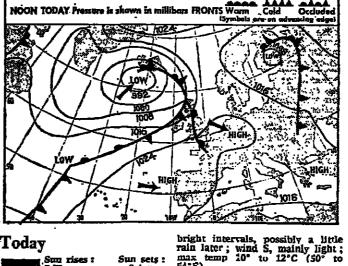
he had driven a van involved in However, 10 respondents a fatal accident in 1944, it was said British PhD graduates stated yesterday at Leeds Crown seemed less keen to take jobs in industry.

> Five industrialists considered the American PhD to be better at taking an overall view of industrial matters while his British colleague concerned himself more with his personal field of interest. There was also some feeling

that the formal teaching ele-ment of American PhD pro-grammes gave students "a grammes gave students "a plus", but no importance was attached to the fact that the PhD course was typically a year longer in the United States.

Boy found murdered

Glenn Thompson aged 15, of Little Staughton, Bedfordshire, was found dead with a hood tied over his head near his home on Sunday. A post-mortem examination showed that he had died of head wounds.



First quarter: April 26.

High water: London Bridge, 3.20 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 3.42 pm, 7.3m (24.0ft). Avonmouth, 8.51 am, 13.0m (42.5ft). Dover, 12.23 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 12.39 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Hull, 7.39 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 7.48 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool, 12.33 am, 9.0m (29.4ft); 12.46 pm, 9.1m (29.7ft).

Troughs of low pressure will move E over the British Isles but pressure will remain high in the Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Loudon, East Angila, E Mid-lands, SE, central S England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy,

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family A freed hijacker known as Flash Fred went to macabre and outrageous lengths to ge money out of the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, Mr Henry Pownall, for the prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

He added that Flash Fred, whose real name was Fouaid Hussain Abu Kamil and who was not before the court, lived in Spain and believed the corporation owed him £1m "give or take £100,000 or two".

Counsel said: "He was, and maybe still is, determined to got that money from the com-pany and he has been prepared in the past to go to extraordinary, macabre and outrageous, not to say illegal, lengths to

As an example, he hijacked an international airliner believing that one of the wealthy Oppenheimer family was on board, with the intention of demanding what he claimed he was owed by the company. He made a complete mess of it, Mr Pownall added, and was even-tually jailed in Africa.

After release he embarked on a blackmail campaign against directors of the Anglo American Corporation, using an dut-of-work actress, Jacqueline

Holborough.
Mr Kamil, who was once employed by the corporation recruited Miss Holborough, who in turn tried to recruit others, it was alleged. Miss Holborough, aged 29, of Oxford Avenue, Raynes Park, London, pleaded not guilty to conspiring with Mr Kamil between July, 1975, and February ary last year to demand money with menaces from the Anglo

American Corporation.

Anita Sasin, aged 20, a clerical officer, of Wornle Road, Wimbledon, London; Kenneth Wyatt, aged 51, an accountant, of Toms Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire; John Malcolm, aged 29, a driver, of Friern Barnet; and Graham Stanford, aged 20, of Clarendon Road, Walthamstow, London, have pleaded not guilty to the same charge. All five have also pleaded not guilty to conspiring to assault persons connected with the Anglo American Corporation, causing actual bodily harm. Mr Malcolm, Mr Wyatt and Miss Sasin also pleaded not unit, to 10 other charges of sending letters threatening to kill members of the Oppenhaumer family and others.

heimer family and others.
Mr Pownall said that in one recruited to play their part in a rather horrid campaign, and to blackmail those connected with the Anglo American Corpora-

tion to assault various people.
Counsel added: "Wreaths
were sent to their homes. They were left on the door knocker to be found the following morn-

As an extra spur to frighten, on some occasions undertakers would be telephoned and-sent round to collect the body of the householder.' Mr Pownall said the recruit-

ment was started in September, 1975, by an advertisement being placed in Time Out magazine. It read: "Do you want money and adventure? Men and women, race and age immaterial, needed for group of adventurers being formed abroad. Send details and photograph if possible." The advertiser was H. Sloane,

of Oxford Avenue. Sloane was in fact Miss Holborough. ' Mr Pownall said that a Miss Burns, who answered the advertisement, met Miss Holborough who told her that the advertises was waging war against a large international corporation which the advertiser considered corrupt and involved gross mis-

demeanours.

The activities of the recruits if they joined would involve physical fighting, carrying messages and journalistic publications. Miss Burns was told the activities were not legal and involved violence, so she decided to have nothing to do with it. The trial continues today.

'Phantom flyposter' joins in six-cornered fight for Crosland seat

Labour does not underestimate Grimsby task

Candidates: R. Blair (C), A. De Freiras (L), A. Mitchell (Lab), M. Nottingham (Malcolm Muggeridge Fan Club), M. Stanton (Soc Workers Party), and P. H. H. Bishop (Suushine Party).

By Ronald Kershaw

Whatever one may say about the Government, its timing of beneficial announcements is impeccable. Mr Varley's statement giving parts of Humberside its long-sought development area status and the industrial incentives that go with it was expected by all the candidates in the Grimsby by-election, but obviously welcomed most by Mr Austin Mitchell, the Labour contender.

Even in the minds of his help he can get. party workers, who confess that the result will be close, Mr Mitchell needs all the help he can get if he is to retain this historically Labour seat. His predecessor, Mr Anthony Crosland, whose untimely death caused the by-election, came very near to losing it at his first Grimsby election in 1959, when the Labour majority was 101.

Mr Mitchell's main opposi-tion, Mr Robbie Blair, Conservative, and Mr Andrew De Freitas, Liberal, have expressed delight at the new status because both have been Government assistance for a remember their promises at long time. Although neither election time, he said. "But has said as much, they would obviously have preferred the announcement after April 28,

A fourth candidate, the etusive Mr Michael Stenton, an unemployed docker standing as a Socialist Worker, would also be likely to welcome the news, if one could catch him between canvassing trips. He has upset a few people in the fac-tory areas of Grimsby by stick-ing his election bills on "no parking " signs and according to one party worker has

tom flyposter ". The Conservatives, seeking to extract what benefit they can from the announcement, point out that the Humberside



Mr Mitchell: Needs all the

campaign for development area

status was started by a Tory-controlled Grimsby Borough Council, which had to relin-

organization of local authorities to the Labour-controlled Humberside County Council, which was left to pursue the cause on behalf of Humberside

Mr Blair is sensibly taking the view that he is delighted

with anything that is good for Grimsby. As might be expected, he is critical of the

timing of the announcement.
"The socialists alway

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the people will know the Con-

servative Grimsby council was

the first to demand develop-

ment area status. The announ-

cement shows just how far

communities have been run



Mr Blair: "Voters realizing Tories are not ogres."





Mr De Freitas : Pleased with

ment rate of about 10 per cent. people on the doorstep are making it clear that "they don't know where the Govern-ment is going". He says: "For many of them it is a little too much to vote for the Tories, but there are a lot who are getting round to it and realiz-ing that the Tories are not the

ogres their fathers said they were." That, however, is not the experience of Mr Mitchell's followers, who are finding a "good response" to canvassers. They point with some satisfaction to a local election of Champan last Thursday in at Skegness last Thursday in which the Labour candidate won a seat from the Tories on Conservative-controlled council. That, they claim, indicares a sympathetic response to what the Government is trying

things have slipped in the past three years. This Labour Government has fiddled round Even so, they say, if they with the fishing issue for years while Grimsby and other fishing are to win they will need good weather and sufficient cars to be mobilized to ferry "sick and infirm" Labour voters. Mr Minchell has said he does not Mr Blair's supporters are now slow to point out the con-flict in the Government's reaunder-estimate the magnitude of the job he has to tackle, soning which gives Grimsby, with an unemployment rate of and if personal effort and enthusiasm counts for anything a little over 6 per cent, access to extra cash incentives and he is doing a workmanlike job. The Liberels are tending to measure their popularity with the electorate by attendances still denies the same status to Bridlington, farther up the Bridlington, farther up the coast, which has an unemploy-

nent rate of about 10 per cent. at their public meetings. Big Mr Blair's experience is that Liberal names like David Steel and Cyril Smith have pulled in as many as 200 at a time, which in a town with an electorate of 66,000 is very good. Mr De Freitas is leader of the Liberals on Grimsby Borough Council, and never having shrunk from adopting a political label he does not have

the difficulty of transformation to a political party that faces both local politicians who call themselves "Ratepayers, citi-zens and independents." His colours have been firmly nailed to the mast for the past 13 years, seven of them a councillor, and he believes the people of Grimsby are in tune with community politics.

Like the Conservatives, the Liberals believe that fourth candidate, Mr Stenton, will siphon off some votes from the Labour candidate, as one Conservative party worker put it: "If he filches 500 votes from Mr Mitchell, Bearing in mind Mr Cros-land's narrow majority in 1959, that is a point worth consider

General election: C. A. R. Cros land (Lab) 21,657; K. C. Brown (C) 14,675; D. M. Rigby (L) 9,487; J. McElrea (Ind Democratic Lab) 166. Lab majority, 6,982. Voting: April 28 The local elections, 2: Campaigns for GLC launched

7 to 8 per cent swing is enough to carry the Conservatives home

Local Government

Correspondent Confident of the outcome, concerned on the issues, and apprehensive of the apathy of apprehensive of the apathy of the electorate, the defending 33 and Liberals 2 (the first the Labour administration and the Liberals launched their campaigns yesterday for the Greater London Council elections on

The Conservative opposition, which has the national electoral tide in its favour, will cast off for the final stages today.

In simple statistics, there are 92 seats to be contested, the same single-seat constituencies as provide MPs for Greater London. The final total of Labour and Conservatives fighting all seats. Liberals 91 (not Newham, North-east), the National Front 91 (not Croydon, North-east), 24 Communists, 22 National Party, and 31 candidates for the party that seeks

to abolish the GLC. The official costs to the council are estimated at £710,000 for returning officers' fees, printing, and staff, compared with £265,000 in 1973. That gives some indication of rising costs in the past four years; and the total excludes the campaign costs of the candidates, which have also risen this year.

As the biggest local authority in Britain, which could take its place well up the league among nations of the world, using its budget of £2,000m as the criterion, the Greater London Council is the jewel in the local government crown, and the political parties constantly wish ir to be theirs. Once it is, the sheer size of the organization and the criticism it engenders can almost become an embar-

Inner London, the former

London County Council area, is predominantly Labour in support; outer London is the traditional ground of the Conservatives. In 1973 Labour had a victory better than it expected, and now it is defending its 57 party gained on the GLC, in Sutton and Cheam and Rich-

mond). Realizing the feeling that the Conservatives are in a position to gain the GLC jewel this year, Sir Reg Goodwin, Labour's leader, yesterday warned pessimists that his party did not accept that view.

The fact remains that since the GLC elections in 1973, Greater London has moved towards the Conservatives. In the general election of 1974 Conservatives won five candidates is 474, including seats which Labour won for Labour and Conservatives fight. the GLC: Carshalton; Croydon, Brentford and Isleworth; and Crovdon, Central.

The Conservatives also hold in Parliament the two seats gained by the Liberals, which gives an added advantage and puts the Liberals under pressure to hold them.

A swing of 7 to 8 per cent to the Conservatives will be enough to gain them the 14 seats needed to carry Mr Horace Cutler into County Hall.

Adopting the national standpoint and seeing the present swing to the opposition at about 15 per cent, assuming that the 17 per cent Stechford turnabout was freakish, as Labour says, the result is in little doubt. Nothing is a foregone conclusion, but it should be noted that a swing of 5 per cent or less will give 10 seats to the

Hiord, North; Croydon, North; west; Hendon, North; Hiord, South; Brentford and Isleworth; Croydon, Central; worth; Croydon, Central; Lewisham, West; Hampstead; and Ealing, North. The next four, giving the breakthrough, are Putney; Battersea, South; Richmond; and Woolwich,

paign Labour's point of view, would happen if the swing was 13 per cent. That would give the Labour heartland of inner London and with it control of the Inner London Education Autho. rity to the Conservatives, who last achieved that landslide result in 1967.

That does seem unlikely, but the prospect of Conservative control is difficult to deny in spite of Sir Reg's hopes. and Mrs Ruth Shaw, the Liberal campaign leader, both opened their campaigns expressing the fear that apathy would keep

voters away from the polls. That would not only affect their vote but also perhaps give more scope for the National Front candidates, who are confident of beating the Liberals into third place in 25 sears, of polling 100,000 votes and causing general embarrassment from a platform which the main parties agree has little to do with local government.

The GLC abolitionists, led by Mr Oliver Stutchbury, a leading member of the council until his disillusioned departure, have managed to put 31 candidates into the field, and can be nothing but an embarrassment Among the Conservative candidates is the jolly leader of Kensington and Chelsea, Sir Malby Crofton, a former mem-ber, who has also voiced his opinion in recent years that the GLC ought to be abolished. He

must have had a change of heart. The Liberals are not having one of their better electoral periods, and they may have periods, and they may have difficulty in holding their two seats. But if they can—and they say they will—they are looking for success to Enfield, North, where Dr Eric Ridge is once again campaigning, and to Orpington, although the Consequentials which have now different the content of the c servatives might have very dif-

The next 16 days will tell whether the parties can make their policies for London influence the electorate, or whether the national mood will, as it is wont to do, carry the day.

Tomorrow: Scotland

Home Office rebuff for jail inquiry

By Peter Godfrey The Home Office has declined an invitation to take part in an independent inquiry into last summer's riot at Hull prison. Its own report on the disturbance is due to be published next month.

In a letter to Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State at the Home Office, the chairman of the inquiry, Mr John Platts-Mills, QC, requested that prison officers involved in the incident should be allowed to must be in the interests of establishing the truth."

He also suggested that repre sentatives of the Home Office prison department might glean new information by attending the proceedings as observers. The inquiry, to take place from May 27 to 30, is being organized by Prop. the prisoners' rights group.

Lord Harris's reply stated that "ir would not be appro-priate for officers of the Home Office to take part."

The Home Office said last night that its official report on the Hull riot, conducted by Mr G. W. Fowler, Chief Inspector of Prisons, was expected to reach the Home Secretary in the new flow days and would the next few days and would be published within six weeks.

Mr Platts-Mills said he was disappointed by the Home Office reply. "Many prisoners have been too scared to give evidence to the Fowler inquiry because of possible repercussions for them", he said.

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Speech difficulties of the deaf school-leavers

ment of Experimental Psychology at Oxford University, whose research is the first to evaluate the communication and reading skills of deaf school-leavers, tested 450 children in England and Wales.

England and Wales.

"The result showed that school heads considered that almost half of school-leavers have speech which is either very hard to understand or effectively unintelligible", the report says. "When those children with hearing loss greater than 85 decibels were considered separately, the figure rose to 70 per cent. Only 10 per cent had speech which their teachers considered to be fairly

By Penny Symon

About half of deaf schoolleavers in England and Wales
have speech which is either
very hard to understand or unvery hard to understand or wholly
intelligible."

Half of them had lip-reading
levels which were no better
than normal children who had
received no training and their

enlightened work on planning their careers.

The report recommends that urgent consideration be given to finding out why the reading, speech and lip-reading attain ments of deaf school-leavers are

so low.
It says: "Some thought and research must be given to the kind of jobs that require little communication but a high level of intelligence. For instance, laboratory technicians, computer operators, telex operators, and design of various kinds." The Deaf School-leaver (The National Deaf Children's Society, 31 Gloucester Place, London, WIH 4EA, 30p).

Exorcist vicar to move south

The Rev Peter Vincent, who took part in 1974 in an exorcism at his church in Gawber, Barnsley, which was followed by the death of Mrs Christine Taylor, is to move south.

Within hours of the exorcism Mr Michael Taylor had killed his wife. He was sent to Broad-

Police aim to buy airport hotel

Scotland Yard is negotiating to buy the 110-room Heathrow Ambassador Hotel to convert to a police hostel.

The police see the hotel at Colnbrook, three miles from the airport central area, as being in an ideal position for a section house for unattached officers in the area. THE TIMES TUESDAY APRIL 19 1977.

HOME NEWS.

Less waste and better value are themes of Treasury's campaign on public spending

The Treasury has begun a campaign to reduce Government waste and to increase the value obtained from public expenditure.

A document produced by the Treasury's public services sec-tor, the Waste and Value for Money Study, has been pre-sented to Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury and minister with primary respon-sibility for public expenditure. A copy has been sent to Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Ex-

chequer.
The appraisal does not include social security transfer payments or funds for the nationalized industries. Of an estimated total of £50,000m for public expenditure in 1978-79 (at 1976 survey prices), those account for about £22,000m.

Local authority spending absorbs a further £12,300m, the National Health Service £5,400m and defence £5,400m.

for public spending in general, in the absence of the discipline

From Pearce Wright

Science Editor, Immingham

telecommunication cables have

been made obsolete by the

space satellite was demolished

at Immingham, Humberside,

Alexander named Cable Ven-

ture, a new ship which can lay

telephone circuits between countries more readily than the

same provision can be made by

which was bought for £3m by Cable and Wireless for the

a space relay station.

Nevertheless the

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new cable-laying ship

The notion that submarine of 2,000 miles or more the elecommunication cables have vessel can lay or locate a cable

aid. The

operation.

Although slightly embar-rassed by the underspending of departmental budgets, which its new system of linancial control produced last year, the Treasury has concluded that it enables the macro and micro economic objectives of the Government to march hand in

of all new projects involving expenditure is judged to be a viral weapon in the drive for economy. Policy reviews, both the formal exercises of the programme analysis and review system and the less cumbersome appraisals now favoured by the Treasury, are a further element in the reduction of waste singled out by the

The critical body for the execution of all the elements is The primary target of the Treesury's campaign is the execution of all the elements is 4,700m spent by the civil the public expenditure survey departments in Whitehall on goods and services.

The report concludes that which Mr John Anson, a Treasure denuty secretary, is chairury deputy secretary, is chair-

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using the satellite navigation

able to the waste enterprise is the continued determination of ministers to keep to agreed spending levels, and in particular to a high degree of self-discipline in the use of the contingency reserve.

The Treasury will encourage the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee and the Select Committee on Expenditure to undertake value for money investigations on behalf of Parliament. In particular, the Treasury would welcome an extension of the work car-ried our by the Exchequer and Audit Department on behalf of the Public Accounts Commit-

The Government is expected to seek the assistance of the Public Accounts Committee and the Select Committee on Expenditure in furthering its efficiency and economy aims.

The Treasury's value for money project arose from a selfexamination begun last autumn by the public services sector. Having achieved its task of controlling overall spending levels, its officials decided that further dimension was

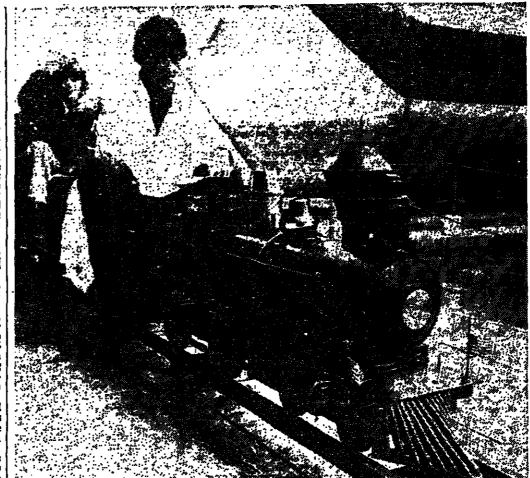
Clubs' open house plan to beat rowdies

Scotland's two biggest foot-ball clubs are to take part in an experiment on Sonday in an attempt to combat football hooliganism and bring back the crowds. The Glasgow grounds of Rangers and Celtic will be opened for "a family day" at which young enthusiasts and their parents will come to meet first-team members and watch

If numbers permit, spectators will be allowed to see training facilities, dressing rooms and trophy rooms.

The experiment was announced in Glasgow yesterday by Mr McElhone, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office with responsibility for sport, who is chairman of the working party on crowd beha-viour at football marches in Scotland. He said the working party's report would be avail-able before the start of the next football season.

The recommendations would contain the strongest measures yet to bear booliganism and the recommendations would be both punitive and educational. On Sunday Glasgow Ranger will play against a youth club team and Celtic will meet a schoolboy side.



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Railway history: A replica of an early American "Puffing Billy" stealing some of the limelight from the prototype of the Advanced Passenger. Train at the National Railway Museum, York.

The anthracite-powered model, built five years ago by boys of Leeds Grammar School, gives children rides to raise money for the Raidway Orphanage at Derby.

824 doctors consider going abroad

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent Since the free movement of doctors within the European

Economic Community was ennounced last December the General Medical Council has received \$24 inquiries from British graduates and 402 from Continental doctors.

The council has issued 91 specialist certificates, indicating firm decisions to take posts in other EEC countries, to British applicants.

other Community countries to

hedge of English to practise here, the GMC is awaiting the Order in Council giving full implementation to medical directives before regis-

Registration of Continental doctors wishing to work in-Britain will begin the day after the Order in Council is signed. That, I understand, may not be until the end of May.

tering any applicants.

Continental doctors whose fluency in English is acepted will qualify for full registra-tion immediately. The GMC is expected to decide next month

English. Doctors who do not meet the

requirement will be registered for six months only, and hospi-tal authorities will be told why a limit has been placed on the registration. Language tests will be held monthly at several

Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, is compaigning to stop the implementation of the EEC direc mentation of the EEC directive. The Government, he says, has been timid in agreeing to register doctors even if they cannot speak English.

In brief

Football match bus cuts

Ten bus services in west London are likely to be curtailed tomorrow between 6 pm and 10 pm because crews have said they will not operate buses near the Shepherd's Bush ground where Queen's Park Rangers Football club are playing Manchester United ing Manchester United.
As a result no buses will run
on the following sections of

on the following sections of route:
7 (Ladbroke Grove Acton); 12 (Notting Hill Gate-North Acton); 72 (Rammersmith East Acton); 88 (Notting Hill Gate-Acton Green); 105 (Pertyale-Shepherd's Bush); 117 (Turnham Green-Shepherd's Bush); 207 (Acton Vale-Shepherd's Bush); 207 (Hammersmith-Harlesden); 256 (Acton Vale-Hammersmith); 298 (Hammersmith-Ladbroke Grove).

Father cut lock off girl's hair

Laurence Stokes, aged 37, who, "driven by love for his children", cut off a lock of his daughter's hair, was granted a two-year conditional discharge by magistrares at Solihul, West Midlands, yesterday on a charge of assuling her.

of assaulting her.

Mr Stokes, a taxi driver, of Auckland Drive, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, who is estranged from his wife, had been remanded for a month for reporter and the stranger and the probation reports.

Stowaways back

Two boys who vanished from their homes in Kirkholt, Rochdate. Greater Manchester, a week ago and were later found in a ship bound for Germany arrived back in England from Hamburg yesterday.

A push for charity

More than a hundred busmen in Northampton working in relays pushed a single-deck bus for 28 hours around Billing aquadrome at the weekend to raise £1,000 for a kidney machine.

Hang glider record

Mr Mark Southall, aged 27,

Satellites challenged by Football hooliganism fines useless, magistrate says

Mr Kenneth Harington, presiding at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court, London, Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, said that proposed heavy fines for football hooligans were useless. He sent two Chelsea supporters to a detention; centre for three more to the sent three more than the sent three to the sent three three to the sent three three three three three to the sent three th

The ship, which is a modernization of the Neptune cable vessel, has been designed for the first time to lay a com-"It seems to me that fines of £1,000 will be completely useless because they obviously cannot pay them," Mr Harington said. "The only answer to this sort of football hooliganism is attendance centre on Saturday afternoons or impressment." plete transatlantic cable in one The new generation of sub-marine cables for which this vessel has been designed will take 15,000 circuits, or about double all communication links prisonment

He added: "One has simply that exist across the Atlantic. got to be tough to protect

for people to go to matches. Anthony Austin, aged 17, a labourer, of Mill Street, Eltham, admitted threatening behaviour during the Chelsea and Notting-ham Forest match at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, and Stephen Nicholson, aged 17, a train driver's assistant, of Fal-mond Road, Lower Whitley, Reading, admitted using insulting words.

Glynn Payne, aged 19, an apprentice stonemason, of Northborough Road Norbury, London, admitted threatening behaviour and was ordered to do 12 hours at an attendance centre on Saturday afternoons.

Because of controversy over the necessity for doctors from

Retirement haven too often becomes trap for the elderly:

It is not surprising that so many people, once they have collected their gold watches and pension cards, retire to lifracombe, on the north Devon coast. It is warm, pleasant, with an unhurried 1930s feel, and with relatively cheap houses. So in the sareets you houses. So in the streets you can see plenty of white heads, walking sticks and cars with "disabled" stickers.

A third of llfracombe's when a husband dies, a widow 10,000 people are pensioners, is often left isolated on a hill. living out the retirement they side."

with large retired populations, Ilfracombe has its difficulties. There is greater pressure on social and health services. It is

A recent survey among elderly people in Iffracembe, conducted by the North Devon Community action group, noted: "Health and social services are extended to the limit in trying to meet the

over 65 must outweigh the advantage of a view. But migrams continue to retire here in large numbers, and some

their inability to climb hills."

The action group says there bave been grumbles from some hoteliers that such a report does Ilfracombe no good. But Mr Derrick Hancock, a county councillor who is chairman of the social services committee for the area, said: "We are not telling people they should not come here. Ilfracombe's attractions are obvious. But we want to impress on people that

Regional report

Dr Anthony Bray, a GP

the local health centre, said; "Many retired people first saw

Infracombe through the rose-tinted spectacles of holiday, They did not think about the

strangers, and in our surgery we see many patients suffering

from anxiety and depression and other complaints that

"I think more attention should be given to educating and advising people about retirement, especially in industrial areas where seaside retirement looks so attractive. The most important advice is that people should not cut themselves off from friends and relatives without good reason."

son."
The new bungalow estates

where many of Ilfracombess retired people live, are pleasant and quiet. A two-bedroom bungalow can still be bought for less than £10,000, and many

pensioners are clearly happy with their lot. Some who cannot get about easily have iriends, neighbours and social workers calling on them fairly frequently.

quently.

Eut others, disabled and alone, regret their move to lifracombe. They are despectively lonely and long for the visits of social workers and home helps. The survey by Community Action noted that, of 585 people interviewed, 374 see a friend or relative every day, but 21 see someone less than once a month.

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y and the relative of the town.

Trevor Fishlock Riracombe seem ideal, but in Ilfracombe,

greyer surroundings of their former homes in the Midlands,

tormer homes in the Midlands, the North and London.

Some are happy enough: the Ifracombe they first saw as honeymooners and holiday-makers really is the place in the sun they dreamt of. But for others the ticket to Ifracombe was a ticket to unbar-

What often happens is that husbands die within a year or two of retirement and wives are left without the partners are left without the partners who were also chauffeurs. They are stranded, far from family, friends and roots, trapped by failing health, loneliness and, the factor they overlooked before they moved, the steep hills of Ilfracombe, which often prove too much for old less.

social and health services. It is true that some resorts on the South Coast of England have larger proportions of old people than Ilfracombe, but they are flatter, more compact, better served by public transport and less remote. They tend, too, to have developed gradually and over a long period as retirement centres. Ilfracombe's popularity in that respect is fairly recent.

A recent survey among

"The disadvantage of living in such a hilly town when one is

housing estates contain a high proportion of elderly people, many virtually prisoners in their own homes because of their inability to climb hills."

want to impress on people that they should think carefully before moving.

"Seaside retirement may

The view of doctors, social workers and the Community Action group is that a day centre for retired people is urgently needed to supplement the clubs run by churches and woluntary groups. The centre would have to be served by a mini-bus. There is also a call for expansion of the meals-or-

for expansion of the meals on wheels and home help services. Essentially, the measures recommended would mitigate the loneliness and isolation of old people on Ilfracombe's hills. A day centre might cost £40,000, and it would be difficult to find the money for it in times of financial stringency. But to doctors and social workers it would be an investment, a money-saving preventive medicine that would imtive medicine that would improve morale and reduce the

British Airways broke rabies law

university research laboratory cost British Airways a £400 fine-with £50 costs, at Uxbridge Magistrates Court, Middlesex,

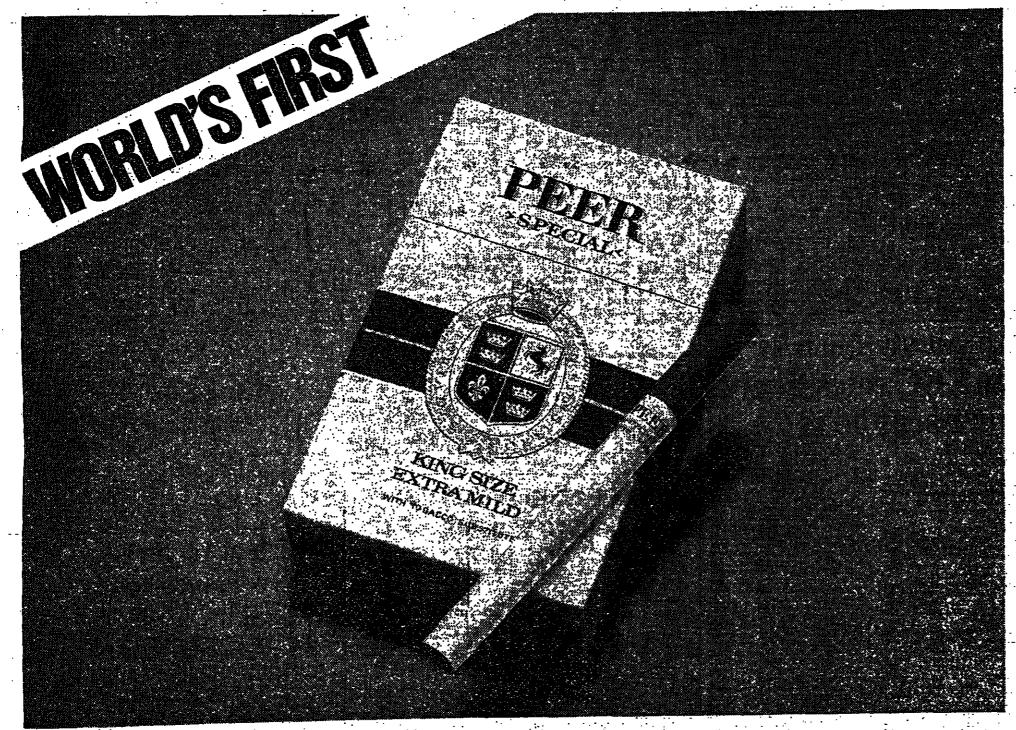
yesterday.

The airline admitted breaking the rabies law by landing the live mice at Heathrow air-port, London, without a licence last September on a flight from the United States

Four years for arson attempt Thomas McCue, aged 22,

assistant manager, who was said to have tried to set fire to his hotel, the Great Red Lion, at St Albans, Hertfordshire, was sentenced at St Albans Crown Court yesterday, to four years' imprisonment.

Mr McCue, of Barnfield Road, St Albans had been convicted St Albans, had been convicted at an earlier hearing attempted arson.



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political course and give Mr Tindemans another chance

From David Cross
Brussels, April 18
Mr Timdemans, the outgoing
Belgian Prime Minister, today appeared set to head a new coalsion Government after substantial gains by his centre-right party, in yesterday's gen-

The Social Christian Party, main campaign siogan "Tindemans more than ever", was particularly suc-cessful in Flanders, where it has been traditionally the most popular party. It also held its ground well in Belgium's two other main regions, French-speaking Wallomia and Brus-

With a handful of results still to come, the main opposi-tion party, the Socialists, regis-tered modest gains in some in-dustrial parts of Wallonia, and held their ground in Flanders, but suffered losses in the Brussels area. The principal victors in the capital were once again the French language federalist party, the Front Democratique des Francophones, which cam-paigns for improved rights for the predominantly French-speaking population in Brus-

The main loser in the elec-tion, the eleventh since the end of the Second World War, was the small French-language was the small French-language federalist party in Wallonia, the Rassemblement Wallon. The sharp decline in its popularity had been expected after a split in its ranks last year. Conservative members of the party defected to join forces with the French-language wing of the Liberal Party which, as a constitution of the second coint. The Rassemblement Wallon was the smallest party in the outgoing three-party coal which also included

authorities today.

Discussing a recent letter from the group to President Carter and other letters to the Western allies and the Soviet

Youan said that the group had to seek help from abroad as none had been forthcoming from the German authorities.

The members of the group, after being refused permission to leave East Germany, had

tried to escape, were caught and imprisoned. When released, they were sent to West Berlin or West Germany

Youan has been trying to recover her child since 1969.

Another mother gave birth to a second child in prison. It



Liberals. It brought about yesterday's election by refusing to support its coalition partners in a budget vote last month. The Flemish federalist party, the Volksunie, also suffered a setback, together with the Fle-mish wing of the Liberal Party. The Communists held their ground in Wallonia, but a host of other smaller parties, including environmental and feminist groups, made a particularly

Most political commentators see the result as a vote of confidence in the way Mr Tindemans has been running the country, in spite of some un-

A few weeks ago the Government increased value-added taxes on a whole range of pro-ducts, including tobacco, petrol, alcohol and hotel and restaurant charges. The trade unions were also irritated by the Government's failure to

reduce unemployment, which now stands at a record 9 per

largescale defections from the federalist parties, particularly in Wallonia are in-terpreted generally as a sign of the general public's imparience with fringe groups. Although public opinion is certainly in favour of greater devolution to the country's two main linguis-tic groups, it feels apparently, that this is more likely to be achieved by the big traditional parties than by the less influential federalist groups.

Mr Tindemans has been

careful not to draw too many conclusions from the results so as not to jeopardize the inevitably delicate negotiations that will lead to the formation of a new government. He told jour-nalists, however, that he would be happy to undertake the task of piecing together a new coalition if the opportunity presented itself.

Theoretically, the Social Christians and the Liberals could continue to govern, as they now have a small majority of seats in the lower House. The general expectation is, however, that Mr Tindemans will seek to form a grand minimize opposition from the trade unions over any future austerity measures.

Provisional results for the Chamber of Deputies, compared with the position before the election were: Social Christians

Front Democratique

Mothers seek Hail of party criticism as children held by Dr Soares goes abroad **East Germans** From Our Correspondent

Berlin, April 18
Frau Gabriele Yonan, speaking for five couples who applied in vain to be reunited with their children held back in East Germany, voiced complaints about the West German authorisise today.

Lisbon, April 18 A strong political onslaught upon the Portuguese Socialist Government has accompanied the weekend departure of Dr Mario Soares, the Prime Minis-per for Holland and the United

In Holland he attended the meeting of international socialist leaders. While in the United States he is to meet President Carter and Mr Vance, the Secretary of State.

Among the problems which he is expected to discuss are the prospect of a \$1,500m loan to Portugal by an international consortium of countries, which President Carter is sponsoring. Another problem is the future of the expiring agreement on the use by the United States Air Force of Lajes airbase in the Azores.

The seven children, aged be-tween four and 12, had been given other homes when their president of the Christian Democratic Party has sent Dr Soares a list of 65 searching questions, demanding an Soares a list of 65 searching cities and the fields and try-questions, demanding an ing to liquidate reforms that urgent answer. They require had been achieved.

him to state his Government's attitude to these issues: France's reticence over Portugal's membership of the EEC; Portugal's relations with her Portugal's relations with her former colonies; protection of citizens in the growing crime wave; completion of the Government's economic plan for 1977; results of the devaluation of the escudo in February; Government industrial policy; and the increase in the cost of living.

The Social Democratic Party also attacked the Government

also attacked the Government during a weekend meeting of its national council in the northern city of Braga. It criticized what it called the Socialist "centralism" policy, claiming that local authorities were given funds to operate

The strongest attack came from the Communist leader, Dr Alvaro Cunhal. Speaking at a rally of Communist youth, he unleashing an odious offen-sive against the workers of the

Last-ditch move to halt Spanish **Communists**

From Our Correspondent Madrid, April 18 The conservative p

alliance, led by Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, a former Inte-rior Minister, made a last-ditch effort today to keep the Spanish Communist Party from taking part in the coming election. It submitted a request from more than 100 members of the outgoing Cortes for a plenary session to discuss the recent legalization of the Commumists.

By law the Cortes is obliged to meet in plenary session at least four times in the life of each Parliament and whenever the president calls such a session "either on his own initiative or at the petition of 100 members ».

The perition—delivered less than a week after Spain's gen-erals gave a clear warning to the Government in writing to the Government in writing that they consider the legalization of the Communists "repul-sive"—put the Government in the position of having to defend the arch-enemies of Franco against those still loyal

to the dictator's system.

Coinciding with the presents Controlling with the presenta-tion of the petition in the Cortes by 114 members, the official state bulletin today published the text of the prom-ised royal decree which sets Spain's first democratic elec-tion for 41 years for June 15. tion for 41 years for June 15.

Members of the Cabinet, directors general at the various ministries, and a number of other senior officials must resign within the next eight days to be eligible to stand.

According to the terms of a royal decree published last month, the campaign does not begin until three weeks before the date chosen for the poll:

the date chosen for the poll.
But already candidates are barnstorming the country, many parties have published their election lists, and country the country of the country less posters, pasted every-where, call for votes for many of the nearly 200 legally recog-nized parties and some of those which are still illegal.

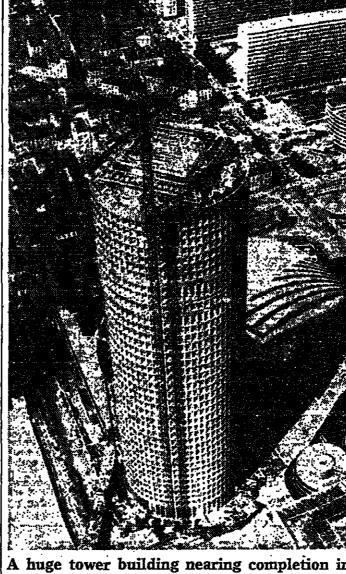
The law also provides that the campaign must end by midnight on June 13, allowing voters a day to make up their minds without the din of pub-

licity.

The last democratic general election was in February, 1936.

Danish Premier appeals for printing peace

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, April 18
Mr Anker Joergensen, the
Danish Prime Minister, today
urged the management and the dismissed printing staff of the Berlingske Tidende to make an energetic effort to allow the newspaper to resume publi-cation. It has not appeared since January 30 and the dispute spread on April 1 to prac-tically all Danish newspapers. After meeting both sides he had discerned a will to solve their differences. Some solution should be possible "before very long, though not in the next day or two."



A huge tower building nearing completion in Lyons. At 575 feet, almost the same height as the Post Office tower in London, it will house an hotel and a bank.

M Marchais drops party objection to EEC poll

Support for the passing by the National Assembly of the Bill on direct elections to the European Parliament has come European Parliament has come from an unexpected quarter. M. Georges Marcheis, the secretary general of the Communist Party, said in a broadcast last night that his party "might contemplate" voting for the Bill on condition that it included a "solemn and binding" undertaking that the European Parliament did not groced its present competence.

exceed its present competence. This concession, however tentative is a spectacular adjustment in the party's attiadjustment in the party's antitude. The prospect of a split with their Socialist allies, who favour direct elections and will vote for the Bill, provided the terms are right, has undoubtedly played a part in the evolution of the Communists' thinking on this issue. Until now, the Communists had been unconditionally opposed to the mconditionally opposed to the elections, saying that they would undermine national

the need for a left-wing government to deal with the partners of France in the Community, must have also affected the party's thinking on Europe.

The Gaullists, on the other hand, under pressure from their diebard faction led by M Michel Debré, have stiffened their line on direct elections. M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, has recently told the Anglo-American Press Association that his movement will not split on the issue.

plan to kidnap a former woman

Cabinet minister and hold her

hostage in an alleged terrorist

The plan to kidnap the former Minister of Immigration, Mrs Anna-Gretz Leijon,

was found in a note pad seized in a flat here occupied by Herr Norbert Kröcher, the West German suspected leader of the

plot, Mr Persson said at a press

The plan included demands that eight unidentified prisoners be released, a large ransom paid and the terrorists flown

out of the country, Mr Persson

Herr Kröcher and another

West German alleged terrorist,

Herr Manfred Adomeit, were extradited to West Germany on

April 3, two days after they and more than 20 other foreigners

and Swedes were arrested in various parts of Sweden.

Four other people were ex-pelled for alleged involvement

ment should be limited strictly to those kaid down in the Rome treaty. They want guarantees that direct elections will be held at the same time in all countries of or all countries of the Community; that there is no regional voting system, and that the conditions for convening the European Parliament are clearly laid down.

M Marchais, for his part, emphasized today 6hat the vot-ing system for elections to the European Parliament, whether proportional or otherwise, was no problem for the Communist Party. What the party utterly rejected was the possibility that the European Parliament might confer upon itself "powers and prerogatives in complete contradiction to the Rome treaty". Rome treaty'

He reproached President Giscard d'Estaing with quoting partially the final declaration of the Paris summit of December 1974 which stipulatnow, the Communists had been unconditionally opposed to the elections, saying that they would undermine national sovereignty and independence.

The increasing prospects of the left coming to power, and the left coming to power, and the left coming to power, and the left communities are the left coming to power, and the left communities are the left coming to power, and the left communities are the left coming to power, and the left communities are the left coming to power and the left communities are the left communities. Party, welcomed the easing of Communist stand. He the emphasized that his party was no more anxious than the Communists to see the European Parliament turn itself into a sovereign constituent assem-

bly whose ambition would be bly whose ambition would be to set up a superstate on the ruins of our nations.".

This suggests that the consequence of the Communist move wil be to persuade the Socialists to insist on the same conditions for support of the Bill in order to consolidate the image of the unity of the left, in the face of the disagreement

where he was released without

charges after an hour's inter-rogation at Heathrow airport.

bian man are still in jail await-

ing a Cabinet decision on a for-mal demand from the National

Police Board that they be expelled.

identify them.

Mr Persson said he refused to

A young Swedish girl was charged last week with receiving stolen goods and faces other, secret charges. A prosecutor

demanded that eight other Swedes be arraigned on unre-

Mr Persson called the press

conference today to counter

growing protests here against

the last expulsions. Groups

opposing the measure had urged

the authorities to either make public all evidence against the

Latin Americans and the Briton

or let them face trial before a possible expulsion.—AP.

vealed charges today.

A Greek woman and a Colom-

The Gaullists insist, together with the Commonists, that the powers of the European Parlia-

Woman ex-minister was

Stockholm, April 18.—Mr in the plot on Saturday. Two
Carl Persson, head of the
Mexican men and a Chilean
Swedish national police, diswoman were flown to Cuba and

Swedish national police, dis-closed new details roday of a Briton was flown to England,

to be held to ransom

Russian trade

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 18

Union (ILWU). The union, which represents the dockers of the American rising led by students in 1960 West coast, is not affiliated to which overthrew the autocratic

This will be the last annual convention of the ILWU under the presidency of Mr Harry Bridges, who founded the union 40 years ago. He was born in Australia and is probably the most left-wing of important

Foreign communists are not allowed into the United States without special waivers to the law. Most foreign communists

Timely US reminder

by Mr Jenkins on fuel needs in Europe

OVERSEAS___

Europe's dependence on fuel supplies from overseas was being emphasized to President Carter today by Mr Roy Jenkins, president of the EEC

The main purpose of Mr Jenkins's visit is to prepare the ground for the industrial on May 7, which Mr Carter is to attend. But coming only hours before the President was to launch his energy conserva-tion programme in a television broadcast, the moment was timely for Mr Jenkins to put Europe's point of view on the critical subject of fuel.

After Mr Carter's recent renunciation of plutonium and fuel processing in nuclear power, strong intercession by the nuclear allies stopped the President making a public appeal to them to make the same renunciation. One of Mr Jenkins's intentions today was

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dependent on oil imports. Mr Jenkins, according to his spokesman, also intended dis-cussing the multilateral trade negotiations. And he could hardly avoid a discussion of protectionist demands raining down on Mr Carter for restrictions on cheap imports of a

variety of goods. He was also meeting Mr Robert Strauss, the President's special representative for trage. At a later meeting with Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, Mr Jenkins was discussing enlargement of the EECespecially the question of Portugal's admission—and the proposed massive American aid programme.
In talks with Mr Blumenthal,

the Treasury Secretary, he was hoping to be reassured that the American economy is recovering as well as the Administration claimed last week. Mr Jenkins is elso to visit Chicago and New York before to remind Mr Carter that the returning to Europe on Friday.

American budget course for visiting MPs

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 18
How to find out why \$10,000m gets unspent, and then to try to spend it, is among the first American lessons today for visiting British MPs.
Members of the Commons general subcommittee of the committee on expenditure are Labour are to meet economic to the deficit it a.so to the economy. President Carter's staff want to identify the rest of the year, providing an unexpected stimulus.

The MPs, led by Mr Michael English (Nottingham West, committee on expenditure are reduces the intended stimulus to the economy. President Carter's staff want to identify the gap and then close it during the rest of the year, providing an unexpected stimulus.

The MPs, led by Mr Michael English (Nottingham West, Labour) are to meet economics outside Seconomics.

committee on expenditure are here for a week to see how the American Executive and Con-

gress handle the budget, and how they plan to reorganize the federal bureaucracy.

The \$10,000m by which American expenditure has fallen short of budgeted amounts this year is one of the bidgeted being confronted. big mysteries being confronted at the Office of Management and Budget. Spending less than budgeted amounts is a drag on the economy. It first happened last year and Presi-dent Ford's men said it retar-

unionists refused law repealed American visas

The State Department has refused to give visas to three members of the Soviet Dockers' Union who had been invited to attend the annual convention of the International Longshore-men's and Warehousemen's

the American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), whose strongly anti-communist leader, Mr George Meany, has succeeded in keeping Soviet trade unionists out of the country for

American union leaders.

get the waivers easily enough, but trade union leaders never

range of congressional bodie, including the new congressional budget office, the House of Representatives budget comded recovery and helped lose Representatives budget committee, the joint economic committee gap between budget and spending has continued this Accounting Office. Catholics want

mists outside government as well as in it. This includes "think tanks" like the Brook-

ings Institution, and the American Enterprise Institute.

duties extend to economic pre-diction, they are to meet the staff of the President's Coun-cil of Economic Advisers, the Treasury, and the Federal Reserve Bank. They will also meet experts from the full

in South Korea Seoul, April 18.-A Roman Korea today demanded the repeal of the 1972 Constitution and a 1975 presidential decree, because the two documents are for the benefit of a few in

The Catholic declaration was read and applauded at a special Mass attended by about 700 people on the eve of the which overthrew the autocratic government of the late President Syngman Rhee. The declaration was signed by the National Council of Catholic Priests for the Realization of

Execution put off in Arizona

Washington, April 18.-The Supreme Court today postponed the execution, due on Wednes-day, of Willie Lee Richmond, convicted of murder in Arizona. The court ordered Arizona officials to keep Mr Richmond alive until it receives and reviews his formal appeal. His lawyer intends to challenge Arizona's death-penalty law.-

British art centre opens in New Haven today

From Peter Strafford New York, April 18 The Yale Centre for British Art, an important collection of

paintings, prints, drawings, water colours and rare books, is to open in New Haven, Connecticut, tomorrow after years of preparation. It is thought to be the largest collection of its kind outside Britain.

The centre is the creation of Mr Paul Mellon, of the banking family. His view is that British art is often insufficiently appreciated. ciated. His intention is to arouse interest in it through the setting up of this lavishly appointed centre, which will also promote research and studies. The building itself is a

modern, functional design by Lewis Kahn, one of the leading American architects of recent years, who died not long ago. The collection includes works by as well as works by others painted in England, including Van Dyck, Rubens and Cana-

There are akogether some 1,800 paintings, 5,000 prints,

7.000 drawings and water colours and 20,000 rare books. The centre, and the Kahn building, have been warmly praised by critics. Mr John Russell wrote in The New York Times that it was "the finest collection of British art that ever was formed by a project ever was formed by a private individual "

It would change Americans It would change Americans'
were of British art, he said.
"If you think that British art
is a matter of being glared at
by full-length portraits of other
people's ancestors, this is the
placd to undeceive yourself."

Mr Douglas Davis wrote in
Newsweek: "A cursory glance
reaffirms what one has always
thought about British art that thought about British art—that it is essentially good-natured, settled in its view of life and infectiously genteel....

"But look closer: there is more to both the paintings and the building than first meets painters — including Gains the eye. Here and there are signs of the demonic energy that Constable, Turner and Stubbs— as well as works by other and stubbs— in the fantacie signs of the demonic energy that created English Romanticians well as works by other than the fantacie signs. William Blake; the late, swirling abstractions of Turner, and the nightmare images of Henry Fuseli. Most striking of all are two huge, powerful canvases by the surprising George Stubbs."

Airport blamed for near miss

Johannesburg, April 18.—Air traffic control at Johannesburg airport was officially blamed

Greece mobilizes striking teachers

and the mobilization of their teachers, who had been on strike for the past 41 days. The strike, involving 6,500 teachers, was in support of a demand that their employment should be on a permanent basis.

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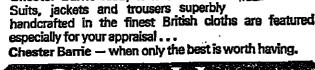
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PARLIAMENT, April 18, 1977_ New EEC rules likely for car seat belts

European Parliament Strasbourg

A Socialist Group suggestion for the establishment of a central sys-tem comaining the addresses of all

motor vehicle owners in the Com-munity was turned down by the Commission. Herr Horst Seefeld (West Ger, many, Soc) said in a short debate that in recent months buyers had been increasingly discrabed by the been increasingly disturbed by the growing number of manufacturing defects in motor vehicles. Car owners had been informed of defects in company notices of only a few lines and it was left to the newspapers to publish the facts.

He asked the Commission to

agree that the car owner was not being adequately informed on manufacturing faults, that drivers should be told quickly and fully of the danger of using defective vehicles and that manufacturers should be obliged to report faults through the mass media. through the mass media.

He urged a system of centralized records on the lines used in the United States. He asked whether the Commission was pressing ahead with harmonization of safety standards for motors vehicle construcdards for motor vehicle construc-tion and suggested an extension of those standards to saftey belts which at present had to be worn at different times on public roads in most member states.

Mr Richard Burke, Commissioner for Transport, said that while faults had been noted, manufacturers had used all appropriate means to inform consumers, their own lists of customers, newspapers, radio, and television, to alert their customers to the risks involved. It was desirable that consumers be told as quickly as possible but the Commission did not consider it necessary to oblige manufacturers to use the mass media. The Community generally was opposed to the use of data banks

containing information of a pri-vate nature. Lists of motor vehicles already existed in member vehicles already existed in member states and the suggestion would not improve the position.

The proposal for a directive about seat belts to which the Parliament had already given a favourable opinion had been before the Council of Ministers for some time and latest indications were that it would be approved soon. The proposal on head rests would be published soon but a proposal for laminated windscreens had run into serious opposition from several member states.

run into serious opposition from several member states.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab) said she was delighted that the Commission had said firmly that a centralized data bank was neither workable nor desirable. There were considerable doubts in Britain about the wisdom of con-There were considerable about the wisdom of con-

Britain about the wisdom of continually expanding data banks with information of this kind.

Each member state was capable of tracing individual motorists quickly and police forces were capable of using the information responsibly and effectively.

She hoped the Commission would not produce a directive repeating research which had been going on for many years in member states. Motor manufacturers had an interest in live motorists had an interest in live motorists— their customers. Her constituency contained three motor factories and she was impressed with the standard of research and road safety they tried to attain. safety they tried to attain.

I hope the commission (she said) will make efforts to investigate the relationship between alcohol and deaths because if

speed kills, speed and alcohol combined kill more quickly. Road safety depends not only on motorists but on pedestrians and on the basic training we should all be giving to our children and occasionally to our adult col-

leagues. The debate was concluded. Tributes to Sir Peter Kirk

The April session of the Parlia-ment opened with a tribute to Sir Peter Kirk, leader of the Con-servative Group sine Britain servative Group since Britain entered the EEC more than four

The tributes were opened by Signor Emillo Colombo (Italy, C-D) who said that Sir Peter's death, especially at so early an age, was an irreparable loss, not only to his group, but also to his party and his country.

Members of the Parliament kept

silence for a minute in tribute. For the Commission, Mr Richard

pean affairs, first in the Council of Europe and later at the Parliament. Many of the procedural changes

in the Parliament were a memorial to his passionate concern in the to his passionate concern in the past few years.
Lord Reay (C), on behalf of the Conservative Group, said he and his colleagues had been fortunate in being led for four years by someone of so much wisdom and courage and with so much political skill and feeling.
His belief in Europe (he said) was intwavering and he never

Strikers expelled from car plant by riot police Paris, April 18.—Riot police today expelled striking workers from the General Motors com-

ponents factory at Geonevil-liers, north of Paris, which they have occupied for more than two weeks. The plant, which supplies electrical parts for Opel car assembly factories in West Germany and Belgium, and the Bedford lorry factory in Britain. has been paralysed since March

The 3,500 work force walked out then to back claims for higher wages, a shorter working week, better working condi-tions and longer holidays. The General Motors manage-ment appealed for a return to work.-Reuter.

UN pay scales under investigation From Our Correspondent Geneva, April 18

The International Civil Service Commission, a United Nations watchdog body set up by the 1975 General Assembly, has launched an investigation of job descriptions and pay scales of cherical and miscellaneous staff employed by the world organization.

By bringing the lowest net remuneration of a junior messenger or assistant gardener to almost 30,000 Swiss francs (about £6,900), this raised many diplomatic, and hence governmental. eye-brows. Bur these figures alone are deceptive; the cost of liv-ing here is high.

today for an incident last Friday in which a Boeing of the Australian airline Qanras narrowly escaped colliding with a South African airliner. Officials at the airport have formally apologized to the Australian airline, which was blamed at first when the South African airliner making a landing had to overfly the runway at the last moment.—Agence

Athens, April 18.—The Greek Government ordered coday the requisitioning of private schools

not, as hitherto, on a six-year contract. Their demand has been rejected by the Special Administrative Tribunal.

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Lebanese Christians

Moves towards partition by

progress altrough they assure the Phalangists they are just paying a social call. The Damascus Government regards any more towards the partition

want to live in and rule.
All of them want some form

of autonomy for the Christian Maronites living between Beirut and Tripoli. Mr Pierre Gemayel and Mr Camille Chamoun have both talked in a fashionable way about the need for unity through recognition of substantial internal control of the control

nition of cultural and religious.

This has naturally frightened

the Syrians, but when the Lebanese Front, the umbrella

organization for the Gemayel Phalangists and the Chamounist National Liberal Party, mer earlier this year to discuss their

ideas, they disagreed.

The aging Mr Chamoun he
is 78—wanted a new constru-

tion for Lebanon. The "Tigers" militia, the political and mili-

tary extremists whom Mr Chamoun's warrior sous led to bloody victory at Tel al-Zaarar

last year, have already drawn up a drast constitution which

would give Christians and Mus-

lims almost complete independ-

ence, with a largely powerless

central Government to keep up

the appearance of Lebanese

differences.

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India cites two British sources to justify dissolving assemblies

Delhi, April 18

Mr Charan Singh, India's Home Minister, told a press conference here today that the Government was asking the chief ministers of nine states to dissolve their state assemblies and hold fresh elections.

In the affected states— Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Fradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal—the Congress Party was routed in the recent parliamentary elec-

Mr Singh said that there was "a climate of uncertainty" in inese states which created a

Administration.
The southern states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have been left our because the Janata Party, now in power in Delhi, was defeated there. However, Tamil Nadu, which is under federal rule, will go to the polls like the other state

Mr Singh quoted two nine-teenth-century British constitutional authorities to support the dissolution of state assemblies.

Professor A. V. Dicey, according to Mr Singh, had said that where there was "fair reason to suppose that the opinion of former Supreme C.

the ministry still retains the confidence of the House of Commons, but the Crown has reason to believe that the House no longer represents the sense of the electorate, the dis-missal of the ministry or the dissolution of the Parliament would be constitutional.". Sources close to the Election

Commission say that the polls will be held either at the end of June or at the beginning of July.
The Home Minister also an-

nounced the names of the men who are to head the inquiry Mr J. C. Shah, the former Chief Justice of India, is to investigate "the excesses, mai-practices and abuse of authority" during the emer-gency. According to his brief, he will pinpoint the responsibility and assess the complicity of even "the highest political

authority".
Mr H. R. Khanna, a former Supreme Court judge, will in-quire into the affairs of Maruti, the firm established by Mr Sanjay Gandhi, Mrs Gandhi's son, six years ago to manufac-ture a low-price people's car. firm later branched out

Mr Jaganmohan Reddy, former Supreme Court Judge, is to investigate the activities of Mr Bansi Lal, the former Defence Minister. Meanwhile, the House is not the opinion of the House is not the opinion of the electors. an appeal from Mr Bansi Lal, the former the legal to the political overeign would be obligatory. Lord Halsbury, he added, had cointed out that "even where to investigate the activities of the merganism to investigate the activities of the legal to the political the Government has impounded the passports of Mr Gandhi and Mr Lal.

Pakistan opposition urges President to intervene

ahore, April 18

The opposition "National Alliance today deepened Pakistan's political crisis by calling directly on President Chaudhry to take a hand in ending the deadlock.

The Opposition also rejected a compromise package offered by Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, over the weekend.

After a meeting here of the Alliance's general council, leaders invoked what they called "implied residual powers" in urging the President to set up some kind of interim caretaker administration to hold fresh national elections after the Prime

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Minister had resigned. The call, far from offering a way out, seemed to be taking matters into a constitutional matters into a constitutional cloud cuckoo land. Not only did Mr Bhutto refuse to resign yesterday, citing the Constitu-tion which appears to rule out presidential initiatives, but President Chaudhry, who is a sick man, has already publicly himself to resolve the crisis. This he did earlier this month in a letter to the Oppomion in which he backed the Prime Minister, in whose shadow he has always stood. His advice to the Opposition was to respond to Mr Bhutto's offer to resolve the disputed

March 7 general election Asked by baffled foreign correspondents to explain how he thought the President could Khan, the acting chairman of

From John Darnton Juffure, The Gambia, April 18

of seven generations ago was captured into slavery in 1767.

Mr Haley was given a trium-phal welcome. The dusty paths leading to Juffure were crowded with residents from miles around, clapping and dancing as Mr Haley, dressed in a tan safari suit and perspir-

ing profusely under a black unbreila held by a villager to shield him from the sun, moved slowly through the

throng.
What's your name? he asked

what's your name? he asked a 15-year-old gird, one of the first he saw. "Kinte", she replied shyly. He clutched her hand and said: "My great, great great grandfather was kinte, Kunta kinte." The visit comes at a time of

mounting controversy over his hest seller as a result of an article in The Sunday Times

usserting that Roots contain:the historical inaccuracies and that

the author's genealogical re-search, on the African side, was

open to question. The article

has angered and dampened the spirit of the Haley party, which is preparing a reply.

Mr Alex Haley returned home

on Sunday. The black American author of Roots made his first visit to this poor village since the publication of the story that has made both him and the village famous. This is where, he contends, his ancestor of seven contextions are was

was "the people" who were demanding appropriate
. "I expect the Presiaction. dent will rise to the occasion? he added.

Mr Bhutto's concessions to the Islamic orthodoxy of the Opposition, such as prohibition, were contemptuously rejected today as attempts to divert the attention of the people from the main issue". This, it was clearly stated today, was to bring down Mr Bhutto

Our Rawalpindi Correspondent writes: Wine and drink shops were closed down and sealed all over Pakistan after Mc Bhutto announced his intention last night of introducing prohibition on religious grounds Night clubs were also closed and floor shows stopped.

Leading hotels and clubs served nothing stronger than sherbet and squashes to Muslims. After the announcement that gambling of all kinds would be prohibited, Pakistans best known racing club in wind up business". Embassy protest: Twenty Paki-

stanis occupied their embassy in London for several hours last night in protest against Mr Bhutto's policies, blockading themselves in the ambassador's office. Police were called but the protesters eventually agreed to leave after handing a peti-tion to an embassy official. Moscow, April 18 .-- Mr Ayaz

Amir, a second secretary at Pakistan's embassy here, has submitted his resignation in protest over policies pursued by Mr Bhutto's Government, it was learnt today. His protest comes after similar action by Pakistan's ambassadors in Madthe Opposition, emphasized it rid and Athens.-Reuter,

Cameramen crowd an African village to watch the

Alex Haley returns to his 'Roots'

The visit had the unreality of a television event. The party that cruised 20 miles up the Gambia river on board the presidental yacht Mansa Kila Ba

consisted of 50 people, most of them cameramen and photogra-phers. That amounts to more

than half the population of

The group stopped first at James Island, the site of the small fortress contested between British and the French

in the scramble for trade two centuries ago. Photographers scampered over the ruins to photograph Mr Haley picking

up stones and looking medita-tive. It was a re-enactment of his visit there in 1967.

sequel to the television series

or Roots.

Mr Haley, who is 55, was accompanied by his two brothers, George, a lawyer, and Julius, an architect, as well as his lawyer, Mr Louis Blau.

A path was cleared by four dancers, dressed from head to ankie in billowing boughs of leaves. Their leader wore a red cloth mask emblazoned with

cowrie shells under a pair of cow horns. The dancers twisted

and stamped to the beat of a drummer wearing a yellow for cap and sunglasses with mirror lenses.

of Roots

One purpose of the trip is to collect material for a Warner Brothers production, a possible

homecoming of the author who brought it fame



Court ban mutes anti-Concorde protest

From Our Own Correspondent New York, April 18
Airport officials were con-

gratulating themselves today that yesterday's demonstration at New York's Kennedy airport against landing rights for Concorde had not caused more

There were some big traffic jams, and some passengers missed flights, but nothing worse resulted from the protests by

Mrs Thatcher

contrasts China

with Hongkong

Mrs Thatcher, the Conserva-tive Pacty leader, said today

ards in Hongkong were well above those she had seen ear-

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From Our Correspondent

Hongkong, April 18

cars were driven slowly through and round Kennedy airport, many of them two abreast, and the drivers sounded their horns and

turned on their lights. Disruption might have been worse if a local judge had not forbade the demonstration, which deterred some would-be participants, and if several anti-Concorde groups had not decided against taking part for

Altogether several hundred fear of antagonizing airport The organizers said afterwards they had shown they

could cause serious trouble if The next round in the Concorde struggle will be next week, when the case brought by British Airways and Air France against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey comes to a hearing.

'Breaches of discipline' at Zagreb airport Zagreb, April 18.-Yugoslav

investigators into the air crash last September in which 176 people died said today there had been breaches of discipline at Zagreb airport at the time of the disaster.

lier in China, but emphasized that she did not believe in Mr Sava Zivkovic, a member of the official commission which judgments based on investigated the collision be-tween a British Airways Trident and a Yugoslav DC9, told a court here: "The crash would not have occurred had all the Asked about her impressions of China she said: "It is not our kind of society. It is an alien political creed to us". rules been respected."

He was giving evidence at the Mrs Thatcher would give no densits of her recent talks with

trial of eight Zagreb ground conchairman Hua Kuo feng and ther Chinese leaders, but said they had not discussed the future of Hongkong.

Asked about capital punishment in Hongkong, she said that if she became Prime Minister she would judge each case on its merits in advising trollers accused of causing the collision. Mr Zivkovic and the

commission's president, Mr Tomas Samardzic, also gave evidence about a controller working longer hours than officially prescribed, a radar which was not properly adjusted and a mistake in Yugoslav flight control regulations.

Mr Samardzic caid the chief accused, Gradimir Tasic, was scheduled to work 50 hours in the week of the crash, eight hours more than the number prescribed by regulations He agreed that there was "a slight shortage" in the number of controllers at Zagreb, and that the radar at the airport was not properly adjusted.-

Lebanese

into the foothills.

The Christian Lebanese do not

manager and former Phalangist

fighter who shows visitors around, claims that the runway should be fully asphalted and operational by the end of

above the sea is, of course, more a political act than a

means of employment for the civil war veterans who have

been turned into construction

It is a sign that the Chris-

mountain airport high

The accusation was made in an extraordinary document bearing the official seal of the "Lebanese Forces in the South" which was brought to

officer. Major Haddad commands a et 1,000. Mr Rizik said

core comprised regular soldiers who belonged to a Lebauess Army unit based in Merj Ayun, but which disintegrated

pied the predominantly Muslim villages of Al-Khiam and Taiba

The commander's message

Tanzania closes Kenva border

alous situation in which capital Dar es Salaam, April 18. punishment is on the statute books in Hongkong but the death sentence is always com-Tanzania today amounced the "permanent" closure of its border with Kenya. A week ago Kenya prosecuted 97 Tananians for possessing offensive

On social and electoral reform in Hongkong, Mrs. Thatcher said that should be examined by the residents, an implicit criticism of British In another development today Tanzania announced the forma-tion of its own national airline MPs who make sweeping stateafter the collapse of East Afri-can Airways, jointly owned with Kenya and Uganda. ments about the colony after Leading article, page 15

Tight-lipped Army

Buenos Aires, April 18.—No reason is being given by the Argentine Army for holding Senor Enrique Jara, a Uruguayan who is deputy manager and news editor of the inde-pendent newspaper La Opinion. He was seized at his home here three days ago.

In a speech, recalling his first visit, he said that since then he had been able to determine that his forefather, Kunta Kinte, had come from this village. Dissidents released Warsaw, April 18.—Police have released all seven people associated with the dissident Workers' Defence Committee this village.

The visit, he said, was a symbolic return for millions of black Americans whose ancestors had been carried away as slaves. The villagers nodded and appeared moved.

Later at the Kinte family compound, Mr Haley hugged Mrs Binta Kinte, the widow of the elder who first told him in Warsaw whom they detained on Friday and questioned about alleged slander of

Poland. Extortioners to die Addis Ababa, April 18.—An Emiopian court martial has sentenced an Army major and a corporal to death for extending money from a person they had accused of illegal activities.

\$1m diamond raid

New York, April 18.-Two gunmen today beld up a jewelry shop in central New York and escaped with more than \$1m (about £580,000) worth of cut and uncur diamonds.

Ganges waters accord Dacca, April 18.-India and Bangladesh have reached an "understanding" on the sharing of the Gauges river waters.

Details will be worked out at a meeting in Delbi.

on the theme of a slave run-ning to a British flagpole to gain his freedom, and a recep-tion centre in the centre of the Ghana five-year plan Acera April 18.—Ghana has launched a 57,000m (about £4,120m) five-year development provide the village with a new mosque, which his brother Julius is to design.—New York Times News Service. plan, to be financed entirely from the country's own reGENERAL VACANCIES

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Every three weeks or so, a Syrian military patrol passes by to take a look at the airport. The Syrians have every reason to be interested in its progress although they assure the Phakapoists they are just He suggests that greater successfully should be used as a threat only if the Palestinian presence in Lebanon—upon which the Christians blame all any move towards the partition of Lebanon as a division that would set dangerous precedents in the Arab world, not least in Syria itself.

Their greatest security so far arises from the inability of the old Christian barons of the Lebanese right wing to decide on the kind of Lebanon they want to live in and rule. their ills—is not reduced.

rely on the small port of "Regionalization" and thinks Jounieh for supplies and in terms of a confederation military equipment. with a more powerful exec-

Unfortunately for Mr Gemayel, his son Bashir leans towards the Chemounist ideas, Lebanese Muslims generally agree that they want a reunified country. This is ostensibly for patriotic reasons but in reality, they are frightened that if Lebanon were divided. the Christians would keep the richest land and take with them the heart of the nation's economy.

economy.

They refuse indignamly to believe that the Christians want partition only as a last resort. If that is so, they ask, why have the Christians gone to the lengths of writing a new constitution? Why have they been installing new communications and Telex lines into the wartime Christian capital of Jounieh? Why are they operating their own Phalangist radio station? Why have they built their new airport?

There are rumours that in a

There are rumours that in a few months' time President Sarkis's Government in Beirut, anxious that Lebanon remains one country, may, with Syrian help, gently take control of the Pierre Gemayel International Airport, thanking the Phalan-gists at the same time for improving Lebanon's communi-cations in the aftermath of the

enormous boarding The bearing Gemayel's name next the runway has already been blown down by the wind. But the physical act of parti-tion is likely to remain a threat for years to come. Even now, the two communities in Lebanon remain divided and Lebanon remain divided and the swathe of ruins through than any inter-

Militia leader complains to Israelis

Tel Aviv, April 18 Major Saad Haddad, nander of the Christian Militia

in southern Lebanon, com-plained to Israel today that the Government was obstructing the International Red Cross from reaching the area to investigate atrocities by Palestinian terrorists.

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Major Haddad's forces occu-

anyone suspected of having gone to the Israeli border or of cooperating with the Lebanese forces. Refugees had reported rape, murder and looting by terrorists from Libya, Iraq, Sudan and other places".

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The prosecution said the

prince fired his revolver at the man in October when he sup-pected him of smuggling goods into Johore Bahru by hoar The prince gave notice

Hearst charges not contested

From Our Own Correspondent New York, April 18
Lawyers for Miss Patricia
Hearst, the newspaper heiress
convicted of bank robbery,
announced moday that she
would not contest charges of would not contest that get of armed robbery and assault being brought against her in Los Angeles. She would enter a plea of nolo contendere. In

tion.

court in Los Angeles, is the was tried last year in San outcome of an agreement Francisco in a federal court on between her lawyers and the charges of armed bank robbery. prosecution. It was not immediarely known whether there has case, and sentenced to seven also been an agreement on years in jail. She is at present also been an agreement on vears in jail. She is at present what sort of sentence Miss free on bail at her parents' Hearst should receive on the home in San Francisco pending charges of armed robbtry and a hearing of her appeal

the elder who first told him the story of the 16-year-old boy who disappeared while chopping wood in 1767.

Juffure is nor the paradise portrayed on television. The

residents' income derived from harvesting peanuts is less than the national average of about £85 a head a year.

The Gambian Government is considering plaus to accommodate an expected 2,000 American tourists in July and August. Ideas being bandied about include the construction

of a museum on the river bank, a sound-and-light show

village.
Mr Haley has promised to

to be dropped by the prosecution. It would have been fired shots at the shop in order

She was found guilty in that

assault.

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All eyes will be on Derek Randall when the cricket season opens tomorrow

Hail the harbinger of England's new spirit 1975 season with Dulwich. It would be nice to think that Athey, Botham, Garting and Stevenson have benefitted

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

The new cricker season comes in tomorrow on a wave of optimism. The fact that it is still too cold for comfort, and well may be for another week or two yet, is likely to worry the players more than the countless thousands of others to whom there is nothing quite like an Australian year. Greg Chappell and his green-tapped cam arrive in London on Friday morn-

After his great innings in Melbourne.

Derek Randah finds himself cast as
a saviour, a kind of harbinger of happier days. It will place him under a considerable strain. All along the line big things will be expected of him. In fairness to him, and to strike a cambonary note, it is as well to remember that in his seven Test innings in India he scored 86 runs. Randall, though, personifies the spirit which one dares to think has touched the England team. By his Melbourne triumph ("The best innings

I have seen by an emerging Engine leasman ", says Peter May, " says Colin Cowdrey's first Test hundred") he will also, I hope, have influenced the England selectors to go, when me count, for the younger man rather than the older one. It is less then a year ago that they brought back Brian Close

At 36, Boycott must be less likely to get the call again now that Randall has struck his blow for youth. One of the more remarkable of the winter's statistics was Boycott's batting average of 165.72, which included five rateout hundreds, in the Sydney trade; hardly less extraordinary was the fact that it enabled Waverley who can the premierable under Tony Greig and 176.77 in 1975-76, to finish only thirteenth, out of 16 teams. There could be a moral here, even if it is only that bowling wins totles.

There is something else which may count against those in their middle and

late thirties being preferred to some-one younger, and that is Fletcher's failure in Melbourne. To take the line, as many do, that England would have won the Centenary Test match if Miller or Barlow had played instead of Fletcher is to be wise after the event. In England's second innings Fletcher got a horrid, lifting ball.

I know just why Greig must have wanted Fletcher. He values his counsel on the field, for one thing; for another, Fletcher had played well in saving the last Test match in Bombay. Did Greig also want Close at Trent Bridge last June—then, too, with Ken Barrington to support him? It is easier as a rule, to stand by the virtues of an old friend than to heed the claims of

In picking a clutch of young batsmen for their tour to England the Austra-lians had little option—with Ian Chappell and Redpath in retirement. It is the style and performance of David Hookes, Craig Serjeant and Kim Hughes, as they set about adapting their game to England conditions, that promises to be one of the most interesting and consequential aspects of the coming season. Hookes, the tall, fair-haired left-hander who produced those flowing strokes in Melbourne, had the

Australians first test at Arundel

The Australians will face a team of past and present Test players in the opening match of their tour against Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundel on Wednesday, April 27. Tony Greig, the England captain, will lead the team, which includes five other members of the MCC winter touring party: Geoffrey Miller, Derek Randall, Bob Woolmer, John Lever and Chris Old. Woolmer, who has jouned the England panel of selectors for the first time this season.

batting there is also less for appre-The hours of play will be from 12 until 6.30 but, until the Australians arrive on Friday, it will not be decided whether the match will be of limited overs. The game is sponsored by the National Westminster Bank.

correspondingly from spending the recent winter in Australia Although, when he was with Dulwich, Hookes

averaged only 30, he won matches for

Not even his doctors, I imagine, can be sure how completely Thomson will be able to recover his speed. I shall be surprised myself if, with that great back of his, he is still not very fast. But that is not the same as height

But that is not the same as being successful. Without Lalee, who is

reputed to be receiving something me the region of £100,000 in the first year of his television contract, Thomson will

work himself, and that is a lot to ask of him. For the first time since 1970-

71 England's bassmen should collect more runs than bruises.

What Randall's success in Australia

emphasized was how much rons in

emphasized was now much rans in India are worth these days, on the bad pitches there and against top class spin bowling. India at the moment is the hardest country in the world in which to score freely. If there is no reason yet for confidence in England's batting there is a sleep less for course.

to do most of the demolition

them by scoring his runs so fast.

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Team: A. W. Greig (Sussex, captain),
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more than two oversess players may appear simultaneously in the same county side, will also begin to pinch this season, which will benefit English cricket. The counties with the best of them will still be the most successful, I expect, but there is no harm in that. The fact that the county championship has produced nine different wanters in the past nine years is a healthy greened some healthy enough sign.

If the continuing lack of conviction in England's batting has been one of the main concerns of the winter it is a small matter, as I see it, compared to the decline in cricketing manners even at the highest level. "You need to find out what these young fellows are made of", the England captain said after abusive language to Hookes in the Melbourne Test match. What utter

The Australians themselves, both against Pakistan and New Zealand, had things to say on the field that are to be expected of delinquents and football hooligans but need to be stamped out hooligans but need to be stamped out of cricket, if necessary by the most ruthless methods. I should be pleased to hear that a county captain, even a Test captain, had been suspended for a month if the reason were for turning a game of cricket into a slanging match: not pleased that it had happened, but

Well, the mowers are out, and the grounds are rolled, and the nets are up, and it is Jubilee year, and the Australians are coming and England, Australians are coming and England, we hope, are on the way back. The first Test match is at Lord's this year, dignified by the title of the Jubilee Test, on June 16. Before that there are three one-day representative games, which will mean more than they have done before, coming as they do this time as a prelude to the series proper. Even without Dennis Lillee, with the flames coming out of his nostrils, there should still be plenty of action to keep the still be plenty of action to keep the

pleased at the sanction.





The likely lads: from the left, Gatting, Stevenson, Botham and Athey, representing the new vintage of players who could soon be challenging for an England place as the new season gets under way in the next few weeks.

Nursery pipe dream a reality in August

Both the construction work and the fund raising here proceeded with such rapidity that MCC now expect the indoor cricket school, being built on the nursery ground at Lord's to be operating by August. Few steps undertaken by the club in their 190-year history stem likely to have such benescem likely to have such bene-ficial effects for the game's

Already the Inner London Education Authority have agreed to make the fullest possible use of the premises all the year round. Between 250 and 300 schoolboys during termtime will be among those using the facilities in the daytime each week and club players at all levels will have the opportunity to be coached at other times, seven days a week. other times, seven days a week, until late at night.

until late at right.

For Lord's to have a modern indoor cricket school has been a pipedream for several generations. The scheme now nearing fruition received its initial impetus a year ago when Mr J. A. Hayward, the well-known sporting philanthropist, and a member of MCC's facilities' sub-committee, donated £75,000, roughly half the cost.

Since then the Sports Council ings and photographs, some of have given a grant of £50,000; an which have laid unseen in MCC's archives for several decades. The brought in £47,000 so far and the Prudential with £20,000 and National Westminster Bank and badminton, would also be suitable Debenians with £10,000 each, have also contributed. The Lord's Taverners have given £5,000, that future finals of the national fire English Schools indoor competition, sponsored by have also contributed. The Lord's Taverners have given £5,000, through the English Schools Association, to cover the cost of coaching promising boys from all parts of the country in the school's flore week.

parts of the country in the school's first year.

An outline of the school's facilities was given ar Lord's yesterday at a press conference by Mr W. H. Webster, president of MCC, and Mr E. W. Swanton, chairman of MCC's indoor school management sub-committee. On the ground floor, a playing area of 120th by 88ft will contain seven nets, each allowing bowlers a 15-yard approach run. The uni-turfed surface will be adjusted so that three wickets will assist the development of spin bowling and four will have more pace. Two large changing rooms, administration offices and a bar complete the main functional part of the school. sub-committee. On the ground floor, a playing area of 120ft by SSft will contain seven nets, each allowing bowlers a 15-yard approach run. The uni-turfed sucface will be adjusted so that three wickets will assist the development of spin bowling and four will have more pace. Two large changing rooms, administration offices and a bar complete the main functional part of the school.

Upstairs a spectators' gallery will have its walls lined with hundreds of historic cricket paint-

that ruthre finals of the handhal indoor competition, sponsored by Wrigleys, might be staged there. It is all a far cry from cricket's first indoor school of any note, opened by the famous South African, Anbrey Faulkner, in 1924 at Richmond, in a disused garage. Those days are recalled by lan Peebles in Cricket Under Cover, a booklet produced by MC Cover. a booklet produced by MC Cto commemorate their new school. Edited by Gordon Ross, the book-

Pakistan dogged enough to snap back in Test

Kingston, Jamaica, April 18.—
West Indies, 406 runs on with four second innings wickets in hand, are in a strong position in the fifth Test match against Pakistan and could win it and the series. Play resumes tomorrow after a rest day. On the other hand, throughout this series Pakistan have usually batted better under pressure than when things were going their way.

They have the ability to produce

They have the ability to produce the kind of determined concentra-tion and dogged refusal to surrender which is notably lacking in West Indies batsmen. A key factor will be the wicket. It has lost its venom far earlier than anyone expected and is likely to become more placid as time goes by

In these conditions Pakistan could make a big score; but with time so much on West Indies' side, it seems unlikely that they will make emugh. A heavy responsibility lies with three men in the Pakistan team—Majid Khan, Sadiq Mohammad and Zaheer

The match then turned upside down as Pakistan grabbed four wickets between lunch and tea for the addition of only 96 runs. In the evening Murray and Holion held out against the new ball to add another 55 runs and leave Wars Lulies in tenant and leave West indies in a strong position.

West indies in a

The Duke of Edinburgh, Lord's Taverners twelfth man, welcomes Greg Chappell's Australian cricketers at a London luncheon on April 25

Squash rackets

Lack of sponsors cuts field at Stockton to eight

Ey Rex Bellamy

Ey Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
Two of the most attractive fixtures of the fading squash rackets
season will take place concurrently from tomorrow until Saturday. One will be the Cleveland urday. One will be the Cleveland Masters tournament, a professional promotion at Stockton. The other will be the fifth European amateur team championship, at-Abbeydale Park, Sheffield. For seven years the Stockton event his been one of the most

event has been one of the most popular big-entry tournaments on the calendar. This season sponsorship was so difficult to raise that the field had to be restricted to the eight leading players available. Every one will be individually sponsored by a local firm, all eight backers contributing the same amount. The prize fund will be £2,575, the winner taking £700. The competitors will be Hunt, Nancarrow, Safwat, Watson, Aziz, Shawcross, Asran, and Easter.

The European amateur championship, a five-a-side event, will be played in England for the first The previous tournaments contested in Edinburgh, Stockholm, Dublin, and Brussels. lech split into three separate pools for two days of all-play-all com-petition. In this event the home countries

compete separately. England have won all the previous champion-

DUBLIN: Dunlop Irish championships: l'Inat: G. Hunt (Australia) beat J. l'arrington — O. Q.—7. — 1. Play-oli for third place: R. Walson (SA) beat K. Bhawtross (Australia), 9—2, 9—5, 3—10, 8—10, 9—1.

Golf

Little big woman of Moss Creek

worth. About the same time, Jack Nicklaus, in California, was holing from eight feet to win the Tournament of Champions at the third extra hole from Bruce Lieizke, Behind them, in third place, were Conham March of Arrestly.

From Peter Ryde
Goif Correspondent
Histon Heed, April 18
Sandra Palmer, overnight joint leader in the Women's International tournament, forsed ahead to victory at the Moss Creek club here in South Carolina yesterday with a final 70 for a total of 281, the same score as last year's winner, Sally Little. Only a strong challenge from Jame Blalock troubled her, but this vanished as Miss Blalock, who still finished in 67, hit her last drive close to the rushes. With her sectond shot she moved the ball only two inches, the club head belog deflected on the dewaswing. She took six, which left Miss Palmer the winner by two strokes.

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This victory raises Miss Palmer — whose lack of inches was accentrated when site was taking to the tall and elegant British queen of golf—to the top of the order of merit, shead of Miss Whit
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tenained confidence in her putting, and took three putts only three times in the tournament on greens that were, admittedly, small. Her performance last week confirmed her carlier remark that now she knew she wanted to play in the United States.

United States.

In addition to distinguished figures in the gallery—Lady Heathcote-Amory remained an ardent watcher to the end—the field of 70 commined also distinguished players of yesterday, such as Marlene Streit, Peggy Kirk Bell, and Mickey Wright, who played the last two rounds in 143, Leading amateurs on 291 were Beth Daniel, of the last Curtis Cup tram, and Frenda Goldsmith. Cup team, and Erenda Goldsmith 1976 Southern champion,

World champion held to 4-4 by Fagan

Ray Reardon (Market Drayton) defending his world professional snooker championship, was held to 4—4 by Patsy Fagan at Clacton-on-Sea in their 25-frame firston-sea in meir 2-frame trist-round match, which began in Sheffield yesterday. Reardon, zided by breaks of 92, 53 and 75, was three times the odd frame in front; but Fagan kept a cool head to equalize on each occa-

Sion.

The other first-round match level at 4—4 in his match against brought together two former John Virgo (Salford).

world champions, Fred Davis (Stourport) and John Pulman (Bromley). Davis won the opening frame, but Pulman displayed some of the best form he has shown in recent years to take a 5-3 lead Graham Miles (Birmingham) won the last two frames of the session to take a 5-3 land over Willie Thorne (Leice ter): and John Spencer (Radcliffe), the No 8 seed, recovered from 1—1 to

J. Spencer (Padchlift) 4, 1 Virgo (Saldmill 4 Frame Sarry (Sanguer Frait) 61-36, 17-86, 13-12 27-73, 32-73, 53-70, 87-29, 93-13, 10, 1198, 81-39, 53-15, 73-13, 10, 1198, 81-39, 53-15, 73-73, 84-17, 70-27, 57-74, 83-18, 58-16. FIRST ROUND: R. Reardon (Market FIRST ROUND: R. Reardon (Market Drugton) 4. P. Fagan ("McCon-on-Sca" 4. Frame scores (Reardon farst): 2"—"6, 70—20, 99—26, 26—80, 77—57, 58—80, 118—15, 3"—47, J. Pulmon (Brugalog), loads F. Devly (Stourport) —". Frame scores (Pulmon first): 11—1(22, 87—22, 73—15, 14—74, 50—57, 43—80, 74—49, 74—39, 74—39,

Rugby League:

tour party Jim Mills, the Widnes prop forward, will be going to New Zealand and Australia as a mem-

Zealand and Australia as a member of Britala's party, but whether he will play in the Rugby League World champtonship matches has still to be decided.

This was the outcome of an emergency meeting of the Rugby League Consultative Committee in Leeds yesterday, called to consider a New Zealand cable reaffirming a life ban on Mills in that country and warning that if Mills arrived there, the provincial leagues would not allow their crounds to be used for the

ing said: " Jim Mills is to remain in the Great Britain party of 20 from which the 19 players eligible to play in the championship in accordance with International Board rules, will be named four days before Britain play France at Australa on June 5 Auckland on June 5.
"Meanwhile the Rughy League

are seeking a meeting of the international board before the start of the tournament to prevent start of the tournament to prevent outy further controversy arising. Mills, who was told of the com-mittee's decision after being called into the meeding, said he hoped to be in the party of 19. He added: "(want to play against New Zealand, Australia and France, I don't want to go as a postunger. I did not offer to withdraw because I have served my suspension for the Incident in the match against New Zeahand in 1975 and that's it finished as far as I am

Britain to send Mills with

crounds to be used for the championship matches. Air Harry Womersley, the chair-man of the Consultative Commit-tee, in a statement after the meet-

Rugby Union

Heavy emphasis on weight and height in young England pack

By Peter West

Rughy Correspondent Rugby Correspondent

The England Under-23 team embarking on a six-match tour of Canada next mouth will not be short on inches or weight at forward, whatever eiter it may lack—and it looks a useful, well balanced side overall. The three locks, Scott, Boyle, and Pomphrey, and the No 8, Mantell, all stand at 6ft 4Jin or more, and all tip the scales at 16st 10th or better. Jones, the Blackheath Banker, who has played lock and may double up with Mantell at No 8 on tour, and Redfern, the 19-year-old Leicester prop, are both 6ft 3in and 16st 7ib.

The captain will be John Scott,

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The captain will be John Scott, one of four Rosslyn Park players in the team. The others are Mantell, who won a senior England cap at Sydney on the short tour of Australia in 1975, Turner, the Hanker, and Thornton, the Caustridge University orners.

ton, the Cambridge University centre.

Ball and Carfoot, who were on the losing side in the knockout final last Saturday, are named at half back, along with Palmer, of Bath, and Coombes, of Plymouth Albion. Palmer, robustly built and 20 years of age, has been playing in the centre for Bath, moving to stand-off when John Horton has been engaged elsewhere. Coombes, who started the season with Penryn, caught the eye in Cornwall's colours against. England Under-23 in September, and subsequently was picked for Young

him.
All three props—Ball, Redfern
and Doubleday—bave had experi-

Under-23 in September, and subsequently was picked for Young
Bugland when they thrashed the
Japanese at Twickenham. Kenney,
of Leicester, who must have
pushed Coombes close for a place,
has been nominated as first
reserve for the scrum half-position.
It is sad that Wordsworth, the
Harlequins stand-off helf, has disappeared from the first class
scene. He is one of several leading performers who were not
available for selection. Others in
the list include Hannel, the
England full back: Caplan, the
Headingley and Yorkshire full

back, who had excellent national trials this season; Jezyons, the Moseley No 8; Jackson, the Barlequia Jock, and Polkedri, the Bristol flamker.

In addition, Rose, the Durham University and Leicester full back, is injured. So the field for the last named position was left clear for Sorcell, who was in the Young England XV that best English Students the Other week at Leicester, and Boyd, who had a played for Notts, Lines and English Students the Other week at Leicester, and Boyd, who had a played for Notts, Lines and Derly and Jones is a former captain of St Luke's Coffege.

The names of Lambert, Carleton and Mose suggest a handy choice and casempusates concern was a national selector, will manage the perty, and Pat Briggs is the coach—to give administra.

and Mogg suggest a handy choice of strength, pare and skill at wing three-quarter, and there should be a good balance at centre, where the promising Thornton will be the promising Thornson will be competing against the more experienced Bond and Dodge. It was pleasant to note at Leicester recently that there is now considerably more to Bond's game than direct and powerful running and an uncompromising defence. No one in his position in England moves the ball more advoting than Dodge, and in this respect Thornton, too, has much to commend him.

All three props—Ball Rockers.

land Under-23 players, which should provide valuable tour experience. "There should not be too much fatiguing travel and the opposition looks strong enough to give us the work we want. I reckon there is every prospect of three or four of the players making enough progress in the next year or so to reach file senior side." The party for the tour of Canada

Full backs: D. P. Sorrell (Bristol),
D. R. Boyd (West Hardispool);
Wings: J. Carleton (Ocrell), C.
W. Lambert (Hardequins), R. W.
Mogg (Glouceser); Centres: A.
M. Bond (Broughton Park), D. W.
Dodge (Leicester), J. F. Thornton (Cambridge University and
Rossiyn Park); Stand-off halves;
J. A. Palmer (Bath), I. A. Ball
(Waterloo); Scrum halves: D. J.
Carfoot (Wagerloo), N. P. (Waterloo); Scrum nauves; D. J. Carfoot (Waterloo), N. P. Coombes (Plymouth Albion); Props: R. J. Doubleday (Bristol), S. P. Redfern (Leicester), J. A. H. Bell (Middlesbrough); Hookers: G. N. J. Coor (Moseley), R. Tabern-(Fylde); Flankers: N. C. B. Turner (Rossiyn Park), D. H. Cooke (Harlespin), P. J. Sherrett.

(Gloucester), J. P. Scott (Rosslya Park, captain), N. I. Boucestya Court (Rosslya (Bristol); No. 8: N. D. Mantell (Rosslyn Park). Their six-match programme begins on May 25 with a same against Combined Universities in Vancouver and includes two inter-

The other games are: May 28 1011 away

V British Columbia; May 31 v

Alberta Invitation team; June 7

V Ontario Invitation team. The
team will have a series.

Football

Cunningham included in **England party of 16** Laurie Cumpingham, strongly back Peach is included as an over-

coloured footballer to play for England, is included in a 16-strong party for England's Under-21 friendly match with Scotland at Sheffield United's ground on this time because the manager Don April 27 Cumningham, born in tipped to become the first age player.

Coloured footballer to play for Tottenham's Glen Hoddle and Sheffield United's: ground on April 27. Cumningham, born in North London of West Indian pareots, cost West Bromwich Athion, £100,000 when they signed him from Orient last mouth. The 20-year-old winger had made almost 100 appearances for Orient since turning professional in 1974. The party, affected by a number of first and second division games the previous night, also includes Ipswich's reserve striker Bertschin and Arsenal's midfield player Rix, who only made his first appearance in the first division three weeks ago. Southampton's full-

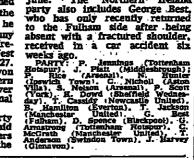
more experienced Wilkins and Talbot from that team. Reid, whose midfield skills have played an important part in Bolton's promotion drive, gets his first international call as does Sheffield United's 16-goal striker Edwards.

Harvey in N Ireland party Jim Harvey, a 19-year-old home internationals in May and

Lurgan College student, returned June. The Northern Ireland to his studies yesterday, after the Easter holiday, and found that he had been called up by Danny Blanchflower for Northern Ireland absent with a fractured shoulder. land's international against. West Germany, in Cologne on April 27.
Harvey, who plays for Glenavon and did not play in Northern Ireland's youth team, has never appeared in an international

appeared line-up. line-up.

He is in the 17-strong party named by Blanchflower, who said yesterday that other new players would probably be named for the



their centre back Gallagher before naming their team. Both aggravated thigh injuries in the 2—0 defeat of Stoke on

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Saturday.

Two internationals definitely ruled out of totalght's matches are Mauchester United's Hill and Buchan, who miss their side's trip to Queen's Park Rangers. Buchan sustained a groin strain in Saturday's home draw with Leicester, while Hill stands down with a knee Injury.

QPR told to cut

ticket allocation

Hartford's likely absence may dent City challenge

Manchester City's persistent championship challenge may hinge as much on events off the field as on it in the final stages of this protracted season. City's injury problems, which have dogged Tony Book's team in recent weeks, have eased dramadically in the past 48 hours. But now another cloud hovers over Maine Road as they prepare for tonight's home clash with Birmingham—the impending susceptions of their key midfield man Asa Hartford.

A Scottish international, Hartford has collected 20 penalty moints and faces a possible three.

A Scottish international, Hartford has collected 20 penalty points and faces a possible three-match ban when his case is dealt with by an FA disciplinary commission in London today. City, who can ill afford the loss of a player of Hartford's calibre for three games, will be hoping for lenicacy and a minimum one-match ban—which would keep him out of the match at Derby on April 30. The other clashes Hartford may miss are Asion Villa (away) on May 4 and Tottenham (home) on May 7.

Eut the brighter news from Maine Road is that Book is likely to enjoy the rare luxury of choosing from a fully fit party. Both Doyle and Royle, who missed the win at West Bromwich on Watford part

Warford have parted company with their manager, Michael Keen. In a statement released yesterday morning, the fourth division club announced that the manager's con-tract, which still had 14 months to run, had been terminated "by mutual consent."

with manager

over the past 12 months. With 10 players unfit Port Vale

Queen's Park Rangers have been ordered by the Football Association to make a cut of 20 per cent in the Cup final ticket allocation made annually to an organization within the club. In addition, a relation of a Rangers player has been basined by the FA from receiving tickers. Keen has been at Watford for four years and has faced increas-ing crulcism from some directors Title action follows complaints that some tickets for last year's final between Manchester United and Southampton were issued to face value. Rangers have also been ordered to send a full list of the people who have received tickets over the past seasons to the FA.

successfully appealed vesterday to the Football League to have their third division match against Crystal

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Johnston: New lease of life.

Scots recall Johnston after seven **years**

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Willie Johnston, who last played for Scotland seven years ago, is in a party of 18 for the international against Sweden at Hampden Park on April 27. Signed from Rangers for £135,000 in 1972, the 30-year-old winger has played a key role in West Bromwich Albion's attempt to gain a top six first division place this season.

The party is weakened because first division place this season.

The party is weakened because of some Football League games the previous night, but there are three other Anglo-Scots in the party—Willie Donachie and Asa Hartford, of Manchester City, and Ken Burns, of Birmingham City. Rangers and the new Scotish champions, Celtic, each have four players in the party.

Bobby Clark, the Abertleen the pressure at a time when Liverpool are heavily committed with the European Cup on Wednesday and the FA Cup on Saturday." Meanwhile Birmingham await fitness tests on their England international Francis and their centre back Callarber before

champions, Ceinc, each nave lour players in the party.

Bobby Clark, the Aberdeen goalkeeper, who played in Johnston's last international—against Denmark in 1970—is one of the two over-age players in Scotland's inder-21 team to play England at Sheffield on the same night.

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Saros can uphold Dewhurst form at expense of Be My Guest

to win the 2,000 Guineas. Eddery was not bard on Saros as soon as he realized that The Minstrel had taken his measure.

By taking a line through Crown

Trainer, Ryan Price, "be my Derby horse". With a maiden's allowance it will be interesting to see how Atlantic Bridge hondless the last mile and 110 yards of the Racing Correspondent

Sponsored by Ladbroke Leisure, the Blue Riband Trial Stakes is the most valuable race at Epsom today on this the first day of their three-day spring meeting. Appropriately it has attracted the best field, even though there are only seven runners. What it has lost in quantity, it certainly makes up for in quality.

The high spor of the race promises to be the clash between Saros, who will be ridden by the champion jockey, Patrick Eddery, and me Irish challeoger, Bc My Guest, who will be in mount of Lester who is measure. By taking a line through Crown Bowler, who finished third in the Dewhurst, four lengths between Saros, it is possible to argue that my selection ought to have nothing to fair from the Queen's colt, Card Player, on this occasion. Card Player, on this occasion. Card Player, on this occasion. Card Player, inished only half a length in front of Crown Bowler on the only occasion they met last year.

But it is difficult to know what to make of Be My Guest. This colt by Northern Dancer is out of What a Treat, who was the best three-year-old filly of her generation in the United States.

only occasion they met last year.

But for in quality, it certainly makes up for in quality, it certainly makes up for in quality. The high spot of the race promises to be the clash between Saros, which is a clear plant of the properties of the p

see how Atlantic Bridge handles the last mile and 110 yards of the Derby. course, but I doubt whether he is as forward as Saros.

The Great Metropolitan Handicap has been won by a hurdler for the past six years, and today's field would certainly look more at home if they had ten flights of burdles facing them. The last occasion that a flat racing specialist won this race was in 1970 when Hickleton was successful. He was trained by Burry Hills, who is not without a good chance of ending the jumpers' dominance by winning it again with Maticale who will be meeting Water Colour on better terms than when she was beaten two lengths by him at Warwick on Easter, Monday. That was her first race of the season, whereas Water Colour was fit from a spell of hurdling.

Decision awaited on Danseuse Etoile

French Racing Correspondent

Paris, April 18 Angel Perma, the trainer of Dansense Etoile, the second trained another unraced filly to favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, win the Prix Jus D'Orange. favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, win the Prix Jus D'Orange, told me today that he would make Madelia, a half-sister by Caro to such notable performers at Mongarticipation in the Newmarket race after a gillop at Chautilly, lengths to spare over her nearest on Wednesday. Daisseuse Etoile rival at the post. Very Charming,

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13 00000- Residence. R. Wisson. 7-7
13-8 Cory Girl. 3-1 Miss Diame. 11-2 Basildon
10-1 Chella, 14-1 others.

2.30 LORDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £919: 1m 50yd)

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LO TRENT BRIDGE HANDICAP (£889 : 2m)

4.0 HEADINGLY STAKES (3-y-o: £812: 6f)

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

2.0 CUDDINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £876: 5f)

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3.30 OLD TRAFFORD STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £764: 5f)

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335 BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o: £6,024: 1m 110yd)

11-4 Certage Way. 7-2 Bedford Lodge, 5-1 Gleaning Waye, 6-1 Nico N'Easy, 8-1 Oriental Rocket, 12-1 Nordman, Take A Laker, 14-1 others.

4.10 EPSOM HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,618; 13m)

4.45 EVELYN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,721 : 7£ 11yd)

35 GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (12,239: 21m)

20 TAVERN HANDICAP (3-y-o : £429 : 1m.50yd)

won her only race, the Prix de Chaillot, at Longchamp on Easter Monday, by three lengths and has since been the subject of much speculation as to her next race.

This afternoon at St-Cloud Penna trained another uncreased fills.

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Jack Cumnington, jnr, whose Pharly has figured in the antepost betting on the 2,000 Gnineas, said today that it would be King of Macedon who would represent him in the classic and not Pharly. Marries Philippon the crobbe Maurice Phillipson, the stable

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Showaddywaddy, H. Price, 8-10 Drinnque, C. Miller, 8-7 Heaveniy Choir, D. Weelen, 8-7 No Fire, J. Filzgerald, 8-7 Swing Right (D), K. Supiir, 8-7 Swing Souts, G. Shum, 8-7

4.30 OVAL STAKES (Div I : 3-y-o maidens : £822 : 11m)

020- Badajos, H. Cecil, 9-0
030-0 Bearrie, R. Holfinshead, 9-0
12- Caputie's Prince. B. Hanbury, 9-0
00-03 Jonswalbow, C. Britain, 9-0
01- Main Line, J. Powney, 9-0
02-0 Might Porter, C. P.-Gordon, 9-0

5.0 OVAL STAKES (Div II : 3-y-o maidens : £818 : 11m)

Barjoe, M. Jarris, 9-0
Dutchman, J. Dunlop, 9-0
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2.0 Lorny Girl. 2.30 ARCTIC TRIBUNE is specially recommended. 3.0 Rare One. 3.30 Dixie Belle. 4.0 Royal Friend, 4.30 Badajos. 5.0

Nottingham selections

By Our Racing Staff

Perth selections

. 15-8 Royal Friend, 3-1 Crary Creature, 5-1 Abereah, 7-1 Duke's Girl, 10-1 Showaddywoddy, 12-1 Heavenly Lhoir, 14-1 Swing Right, 16-1 olivers,

Versatility is the Peter **Easterby** byword

By Michael Seely Peter Easterby continued to show his versatility as a trainer when Maysus became his sixth individual two-year-old winner this season. Maysus beat the odds-on favourite, Tavrina, and the fast finishing Near The Mark in a tight finish for the Sunstar Maiden Stakes at Nottingham yesterday.

Stakes at Notzingham yesterday.
On Saturday at Ayr, the Malton trainer completed a remarkable rible when Sea Pigeon's victory in the Scottish Champion Hurdle capped those of Night Nurse in the Welsh equivalent and in the Championship itself at Cheitenham. The same afternoon, Easterby had won the Royal Borough of Ayr Memorial Handicap with Midao and had saddled Friendly Baker to win the first race of the afternoon at Beverley. Yesterday's winner belongs to race of the afternoon at Beverley.
Yesterday's winner belongs to
and was bred by Arthur Snipe, an
industrialist who lives at Barnby
Moor, near Newark. Easterby
trained Maysus's dam, Asicion, to
win twice as a two-year-old for Mt
Snipe, His sire, Maystreak, won
several valuable handicaps for the several valuable handleaps for the same combination and was one of the toughest and gamest horses who ever looked through a bridle. Maystreak now stands at Walter Easterby's stud near Tadcaster. Easterby confirmed both Night Nurse and Sea Pigeon as certain starters for the Chester Cup on May 4. Last year's winner, John Cherry, heads the weight with 10st. Sea Pigeon has been allotted Set 11b and Night Nurse 7st 5lb. The mainer considers Night Nurse as being the more certain of the pair to stay this testing two and a quarter miles.

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As usual at Nottingham, the training honours were divided pretty evenly all over the country. Newmarket stables captured two races, the 20-year-old locally born apprentice, Peter Gunn, parmered Ornamental Night to heat the 10-year-old Prominent in the Coronach August 1811.



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Hyver Hill (B. Taylor) wins the Brighton Borough Stakes from Murrmatch and Private Line.

should have no difficulty in winning again. The Nottinghamshire trainer, The Nottinghamshire trainer, Jack Hardy, continued his remarkable record in this type of event when Never Tell just got the better of a hard fought hattle with Myth Utopia and Stoneywell in the Aboyeur Selling Stakes. Never Tell was ridden by the champion jockey, Patrick Eddery, who has now had three successes out of four mounts for Hardy this season.

Eddery completed a double when landing the Manna Maiden Stakes on Lady Mason for Peter Walwyn. Lady Mason, who was backed down from 7-2 to 7-4, belongs to a London stockbroker, Mark Armitage, and was bought from the Canadian milliomatre, Garfield Weston, last autumn. Weston, last autumn.

who slipped and fell when disputing the lead entering the last furlong. Happily, both the gelding
and his rider, Ernie Johnson,
escaped undurt.

Earlier, Johnson had given
Berksdre its first winner of the Berkshire its first winner of the day when parmering Sicasanta to a comfortable victory in the Felstead Bandicap. Sicasanta, who is trained by Peter Cundell, had run well when third to The Solostan at Kempton Park and was another well backed favourite at 13-8, having opened at 3-1.

at 13-8, having opened at 3-1.

At Nottingham today, Henry Cecil, whose 113-strong ream appears to be running into form can win both divisions of the Oval Maiden Stakes with Badajos and Palaver. Badajos twice ran well in useful company as a two-year-old. His chief opponent is likely to be Gavin Pritchard-Gordon's highly regarder Connaught colt. Night Porter, who looked in need of the race when outpaced behind Noble Venture at Ascot recently. In the second division, Pritchard-Gordon could proyear-old Prominent in the Coronach Apprentices Handicap for Bill
Holden, Stormy Princess, ridden
by John Lyach; and trained by
Neville: Callaghan, gained her
third victory in 11 days when outstaying Hardy. Turk in the Call
Boy Handicap. Stormy Princess is
certainly a transformed mare since
being fitted with! blinkers and

Hannon's mixed fortune

When Firesilk beat Soldier Rose in the Town Purse Handd-cap at Brighton yesterday, he left his owner. Ron.—Tenty, only two short of the milestone of 50 winters. "I hope to make the half-century at Sandown this week.

half-century at Sandown this week.

"I have three good chances with September Daby on Friday and Commandant and Thirty Days on Saturday", Mr Tenty said. Whatever happens at the weekend. Firesilk can play his part again when he runs at Bath on Monday.

It was a day of mixed fortune for Richard Hannon, a trainc. It started well when Casbah Lady won the Orleans Stakes to take Hannon's score to five this season. Civic Commotion dominated the market but never looked like

lengths.
The combination of Hannon and The combination of Hannon and Peter Madden went close to beating another favourite, Hyver Hilliwith Murmatch in the Brighton Borough Stakes. Madden was within three-quarters of a length of the winner and Private Line, a close third, hampered entering the last furlong, was also unlucky. Hannon also had two non runners—Bright Swan in the Prince of Wales Stakes and Sound Jiff whom he withdrew from the Conwhom he_whhdrew from the flans Handicap, which cost him the fixed penalty of £30. The course was passed fit for racing only last Wednesday after exten-sive remedial measures. Indeed, some jockeys reported that the

surface was rough and loose.

de France (Mrs S. Beatty), 8-11 G. Starker (7-1)

TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 14p, 15p, 54p; dual forecast, 87p, G. Harwood, at Pulborough, 21, 21, 2min 5.50sec. Bright Swan did not run.

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4.0 (4.8) TOWN PURSE HANDICAP (21.519; 1; 2; 3)
FireSilk, b h, by FireStreak—Silk-Tabard (A. Tenty), 69-5.

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run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Hever Hill and Fire-silk, El. U. TREBLE: Niss Kung Fu, Village Idol and Chukarno, £65.25.

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TOTC: Win_ 73p; places, 16p, 11p. 11p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton, 11, nk.

Brighton results

oran. Total Win, 88p; places, 32p, 10¹-p; forcast, 80m; R. Hannon, 4t Mari-brough, 61, 4l, 1min 04.93sec,

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Edinburgh

Tennis

Miss Brasher outwits Australian opponent

Little Kate Brasher, Britain's 14-year-old consis player, put herself in line for an extra day's holiday after her easy first round win on the opening day of the tournament spansored by Robinson's Barley Water at Norwich yesterday. Miss Brasher defeated the Australian Helen Rice, 6—2, 6—1. Surveying the draw after her victory, biss Brasher said: "I am supposed to go home to Survey and be back at school on Thursday, but if I could keep winding I've got leave of absence to stay on here."

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Miss Brasher can hardly be optimistic of a prolonged stay in the tournament for future opponents could include Iane Erskire, the Scothish player who beat her last week, or, if she survives that, the top-seeded Susau Mappin of Sheffled, making her first British appearance of the season.

ance of the season.

Miss Brasher, the daughter of Christopher. a 1956 Olympic Games gold medal winner, and Shirley, Britain's top tennis player 20 years ago, certaidly outshone yesterday's opponent, a 16-year-old left hander who represents South Australia in State

kim Ruddell scratched because
she is engaged in a tournament
in the United States. Miss Ruddell
was the player who partnered
Karen Kreaticke to a duubles
victory in America a week ago
just before the Australian girl collapsed and died.
In the men's singles Andrew Jarrett, the British junior cham-pion, who has improved immensely since his first recent tour of America, turned in another work-

manlike performance to beat the useful Australian Timothy Clements 6—2, 6—4, Jarrett was made to work for every point and came from behind in the second

Yesterday's results at Norwich

Ten arrested as South

Africa go out

Newport Beach, California,
April 18.—The United States won
their Davis Cup tie 4—1 against
South Africa here yesterday as
political disruptions affected play
for the third day in succession.

Demonstrators protesting against Demonstrators protesting against South Africa's racial policies rushed on to the court at the Newport Beach tennis club before play started yesterday and began to unfurl a banner. After a brief scuffle with police, tournament officials and Tony Trabert, the American team captain, the five men and five women were taken men and five women were taken to jail to be charged with tres-passing.

On Saturday, two black men invaded the court and one threw a bottle of oil on the surface, causing a 45-minute delay in play while the court was cleaned. Up to 750 demonstrators have paraded Ing and carrying protest posters.

Ray Moore, the South African team captain, later praised the reactions of the officials and the spectators to the disturbances, "I was very happy with the crowd and the officials. All week police have been wonderful about this whole thing. It was a real boost", he said. "South Africa is such an unpopular country in the world forum that when yon have that kind of crowd reaction, and Trabert doing what he did, and the officials, it really makes you feel good."

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Moore had the sympathy of a moore and the sympathy of a capacity crowd yesterday as he beat Roscoc Tanner, 9—7, 6—4, 5—7, 6—2 to prevent a clean sweep by the United States. Moore, who is 30 and a Davis Cup veteran of 10 years, earned his fourth victory in five matches cover were assigned the his fourth victory in five matches over the past year against the hard-serving American, mixing his shots to confound what he later called the "patterned style of play" of his opponent. Tanner is ranked number eight among termis professionals and Moore is 355th.

In the day's closing match of reverse singles, Brian Gottfried, seventh-ranked and the man in form on the current tennis tour, defeated Byron Bertram, 6—4, 6—3, 6—4.

Nastase forced to retire from tournament

Houston, April 18.—Ilie Nastase, of Romania, tripped over a tennis ball and lost his chance of a second straight World Champion ship Tennis tournament victory here during the weekend. The Romanian fell in practice on Saturday before the semi-final round took place. Heavy rain gave him a reprieve until yesterday, but five games into his match with Vitas Gerulaids, of United States, a hobbling Nastase was forced to retire.

Nastase, who beat Jimmy Connors for the WCT challenge cup last Sunday, trailed 4—1 when he decided he could not continue. Gerulaids will play Adriano Panatta, of Italy, in the final today. Panatta, who heat Connors

ranatta, who heat Condors in the first round of the event, eliminated Eddie Dibbs, of the United States, yesterday, 6—2, 6—2. Nastase later returned after with Panatta for a 6—2, 6—2 triumph over Johan Alexander and Phil Dent, of Australia, in the doubles final.

rini Dent, of Australia, to the doubles final.

Panatta made short work of Dibbs. The Miami Beach professional battled for his life in the second set, but simply could not get his shots over the net. The 26-year-old Italian broke in the third and fifth games of the first set, allowing just three points off his own service, then broke again in the fuird game of the second ser on his way to a 3—1 lead.

However, Dibbs fought off two game points to hold in the fifth, then forced Panatta to deuce three times in the sixth before losing with a misplaced routine ground-stroke. A net error cost him another break in the seventh game and Panatta put an end to the match, after two more net errors, with a booming service which

Dr Richards applies

Rome. April 18.—The American Renée Richards, former male tennis player who underwent a sex-change operation last year, has applied to play in the Italian championships here next month. Dr Richards said she would provide a medical certificate proving she was now female.—Reuter.

Ice skating

Cousins returns after operation

Robin Cousios, 19-year-old British ice skating champion, was back in action yesterday for the first time since having a cartilage operation five weeks ago.

Consins, from Bristol, a European bronze medal winner, had a short workout and afterwards his mother, Mrs Jo Cousins, reported:

"He did a little bit of figure work, a few spins and some footwork. He didn't try any jumps. The important thing is that he didn't feel any pain in his knee."

Minter's challenger

is cheered home by 1.5m Boston, April 18.—Jerome Drayton, a 32-year-old Canadian, easily won the eighty-first Boston Marathon today before an esti-mated crowd of 1.5 million liming

A man in 2,933

Athletics

mared crowd of 1.5 million liming
the streets of the city for the
annual race. He took 2hr 14min
46sec. Veli Bally of Turker, was
a distant second in 2hr 15min
44sec, and Brian Maxwell, of the
United States, third in 2hr 17min
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Drayton, a Canadian Government worker from Toronto, battled with Bill Rodgers, an American and the 1975 winner in a record 2hr 5min 55sec, and Finland's Ida Tikkanen for the lead during much of the race

Grattien Tonna, of France, has been nominated as the official contender to Alan Minter's European middleweight boxing title. The final date for negotiations is June 8, after which the contest will be open to purse offers.

Denton Ruddock and John L. Gardber, both from London, will meet in a British heavyweight boxing championship eliminating bout at the Albert Hall on May 10.

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Ice hockey

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PORT WASHINGTON: Mrs J. W. King heat Miss C. Stoll. 6—1, 6—1: Mrs King and Dr R. Richards beat Miss J. Stration and Miss P. Bostrem, 6—3. 6—0.

TALLAHASSEE, Florida: Onen tourna-ment: 275. E. Sneed, 53, 70, 23, 70; L. Hinkle, 70, 69, 69, 68; 278, R. Walzel: 279, J. Simons, J. Ewing: 280. W. Rogors, D. Hayes (SA), Coto, E. Dougherly, R. Cote (SA), 281, J. Dout, L. Lott; 282, K. Fergus,

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By Our Racing Correspondent 1 2.0 Night Owl. 2.30 Go Laker. 3.5 Matinale. 3.35 SAROS is specially recommended. 4.10 Bedford Lodge. 4.45 Star Prince.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Equus. 4.10 Bedford Lodge. 4.45 Star Prince.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.30 Arctic Tribune. 3.0 Top Straight. 3.30 Loppingdales. 4.0 March Music. 4.30 Badajos 5.0 Palaver. Perth NH programme 2.15 BLACK WATCH HURDLE (Handicap : £379 : 2m) 2.45 STRATHEARN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £847: 21m) 2.45 STRATHEARN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2647: 21m)

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2.15 Indian Delight. 2.45 Scorton Boy. 3.15 Sun Lion. 3.45 Collingwood. 4.15 Super Chant. 4.45 Nellies Lad.

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A'Chailleach, Julio Simons. 10 ran.
TUTE: Win. 51p; places, 15p. 17p.
14p. W. Marshall, 2t Newmarket. 11.
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5.15 (3.16) MUSSELBURGH HANDI-CAP (5795; 10m).
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J. Love (4-7, fav)
Admiral Count, G. Oldroyd (16-1), 2
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ALSO RAN: 13-2 River Belle (4th), 6-1 vident, 12-1 Far Sarity, and France (16-1), 13-1 vident, 13-1 vi roriora Cloud. 14 ran. ... TOTE: Win 18p; places, 14p, 69p, 49p, J. W. Watts, 3t Richmond. ...

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The Annual RUKBA Meeting of THE ROYAL ASSOCIATION will be held at the Carpenter's Hall, Three morton Avenue London, EC2N 2.1., i. 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th May. 12977, io recoive the Report of the Committee and Accounts for 1976 and to elect Members of the Committee and Accounts for 1976 and to elect Members of the Committee and Auditors.

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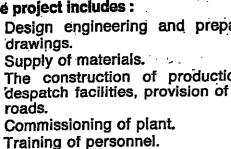
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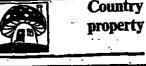
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Replacing the three Rs with the Four Aces

The "great debate" on education initiated by the Prime Minister is increasingly being focused on the curriculum and the pros and cons of a common core. There is clearly general agreement that an effort should be made to equip all of our future citizens with certain basic skills but the discussion has been clouded because educationists have been arguing either from traditional premises such as the three Rs or from the standpoint of established suiject disciplines.

Fundamentally we are con-cerned with modes of communication and many do not seem to realize that we already have in existence a useful terminologs which describes and illuminates the basic skills with which we should be endeavouring to endow each future citi-

The psychologist, J. P. Guil-ford, has claimed that there can be as many as 120 different aspects of intelligence but whatever the number the range may be grouped into four basic types which also encompass the four basic modes of communi-cation among human beings.

The first type to evolve seems to have been spatial ability. Animals possess enough spatial ability for route finding and for exploring the environment in search of food. This is the beginning of highly civilized skills such as map reading and spatial plansing. The second type to evolve emerged with the higher animals, who can communicate with each other by means of social noises. Here we see the beginnings of civilized oral language and all other forms of social intelligence. to have been spatial ability. Aniforms of social intelligence.

Thirdly, after the evolution of man, there came written communication and with it permanent records and the hand-ing on of information which allowed civilization to escalate. Finally, there has evolved the human faculty for dealing with numerical symbols, which has grown into the field of mathematics with all its practical applications.

In a brain as highly evolved as that of a human being the potential for all types of ability is inborn, but none of them can come to full fruition without education. We cannot for example, moster written lang-uage without being taught by definite procedures, and a special word exists for the

educated product of these pro-cedures—literacy.

The connotation of literacy and its associated adjectives, literate and illiterate, has proved to be so potent that in 1959 the Crowther Commission recognized the need for a

similarly potent term to stress the importance of educated numerical ability. The word coined to fill the gap— numeracy—is now in general use along with the adjectives numerate and innumerate.
Almost unnoticed, the term articulacy has crept in from the pre-existing adjective, articulate, to express ability in social intercourse. However, the educated counterpart of visual-spatial ability remained unnamed until recently.

In the choice of a word to describe visual-spatial ability one must first ask the question, what exactly does this form of communication involve? It is fundamentally the communication of spatial information that cannot be conveyed adequately by verbal or numerical means; for example, the plan of a town, the picture of a distant place, the pattern of a drainage network or relief map; in other words the whole field of carto-

graphy, computer-graphics, photography, the graphic arts and much of geography itself.
All of these words contain the root "graph" which seems a logical stem for graphicacty, which can then graphicacty, which can then graphicacty. which can then stand along-side literacy, numeracy and articulacy to describe the four basic skills of communication which should underpin our educational structure.

Graphicate and ingraphicate follow by analogy and we thus have a basic set of nouns and adjectives to describe the mode of communication and whether any one person is or is not trained in the particular skill. Each of the four basic modes of communication can also be either "incoming" or "ourgoing" according to the direction of the flow of information. The table shows the complete coverage of the four modes of communication which have been distinguished.

These four modes do not of

Incoming

Reading

Listening

Number appreciation

Map, chart, graph

and symbol reading

course cover all situations. Words may be inadequate in a time of grief, and warmth of touch may communicate much more. A glance or flick of the eyelids between lovers may express feelings that need no words, numbers or diagrams. But these methods of comunderpinnings which can be

Both in Britain and in North
America, where emphasis is
placed on literate and numerate work in the middle and upper age ranges, the early natural graphicate ability is often not allowed to develop, to the detriment of many pupils. This may provide the explanation of something that is certainly puzzing to university teachers in Britain where it is often found that students with quite poor examination results before university do extremely well in engineering, architecture, and planning on arrival at univer-

sity.

The converse is often true for geography, in which it is almost notoriously difficult to obtain a notoriously difficult to obtain a first-class degree. It seems that the individual who excels in literacy, numeracy and graphicacy (all needed in good measure by the first-class geographer) is indeed rare. If we are testing for only one or two of these abilities the statistical chances of "good" results are that much greater.

Graphicacy has an important

Graphicacy has an important message for primary schools. Visual-spatial ability is liberally present in young children. Most of them spontaneously draw pictures and maps long before they learn to read. We should cultivate this natural instinct and develop the graphicate ability. It seems that the start of school life is not too early to begin bridging the gap between what the brain can do for itself and what has to be explicitly

> Outgoing Writing Number manupulation Speaking Map, chart, graph and symbol making

Nouns and Adjectives

Modes of Communication

Numeracy

Articulacy

Graphicacy.

Literacy Numeracy Articulacy Graphicacy

Literate Numerate Articulate Graphicate

Illiterate Innumerate Inarticulate

Going on through the primary into the secondary stage, we must be sure that opportunity must be sure that opportunities are provided for both incoming and outgoing aspects of graphi cacy. The incoming, or reading aspect has been given a great impetus in recent years by the state of the visual aids movement, television in and invertational size knowses. munication are not academic and international sign language. The outgoing on writing aspect

The outgoing on writing aspect of graphicacy is, however, at present fragmentary in schools.

From the secondary to the striker stage and on to university it will be clear that graphicate skills become increasingly in a wide range at important in a wide range of disciplines such as engineering photogrammetry, survey, plan in ing, architecture, cartography these subjects visual-spatial communication, footh incoming and outgoing, is fundamental increasingly also graphicacy figures in public life with symbolization, telephsion, and bolization, television and pictorial communication.

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It is significant that in France in the last decade there has been considerable discussion hinged around the concept of the "four languages" in continuncation skills and of the need to teach all dupils the four skills. The "four languages" correspond identically with the four skills of communication which have been distinguished.

If we accept the premise that the well-educated person will be articulate, literate numerate and graphicate we have an immediate indication of what the school foundation subject should be. Articulacy and literacy will be clearly derived from the study of English, or whatever the native llanguage, and numeracy from the study of mothematics. If is only in the study of geography, however, that the possibility exists at school level of a wide and rigorous training in graphicaty. Geography, which will, of course, embrace much cartography, thus emerges as la foundation subgraphy, which will, of course, embrace much cartography, thus emerges as a foundation subject along with English and mathematics. It is perhaps significant that several British public examining boards already record that the three layest subjects at the Ordinary level of examination are precisely of examination are precisely these three subjects.

In many cases schools appear to have settled on a basic core for the curriculum by instinct rather than logic. But should we not now begin to talk about the "Four Aces" rather than the "Three Rs"?

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Problems in legislating to help the homeless



The latest government report on home-lessness, published last month, shows that during the first half of last year, 26,140 homeless households applied for help to the local authorities, an increase of 600 applicants since the beginning of 1975.

Large though these figures are, they have been criticized for presenting too rosy a

The report elso suggested that the figures should be treated cautiously, since it seems highly likely that only a proportion of the homeless have been accurately counted. There are several reasons for this. First only those who apply to local authorities are recorded—no account is taken of those who go straight to the voluntary societies. Secondly, it is far from certain that all chose who do apply to the local authorities are recorded. Social workers tend not to record applications from people who are not eligible for help, or who they know cannot be helped (and whose hopes they are in any case reductant to raise).

The situation is further confused by the different criteria of eligibility laid down by different local authorities. A 1974 government circular made an attempt to define at least the various priority groups —"all those who are vidnerable on the housing marker" including "families with dependent children living with them or in care, adult families or people living alone who become homeless either in an emergency such as fire or flood, or are vulnerable because of old age, disability or other special reasons". In practice, however, many people who fall into these categories, and especially the single homeless, both young and old, are simply referred to voluntary societies, whose ser-vices are often statutorily overcrowded.

Even having dependent children does not necessarily mean that a family gets help. Dorset Council recently had a case

brought against them by a family they wanted to evict from homelessness accommodation. The court ruled that a council is ablowed to decide their own criteria even if they go against accepted guidance and practice. (The criteria used by Dorset exclude families with fewer than two dependent children from help as romeless families.)

What are the causes of homelessness, and what can be done about it? The government report showed that 38 per cent of cases are a result of a dispute with family or friends. Eviction by landlords accounted for 11 per cent, tent arrears for only 7 per cent.

Two mutually exacerbating processes are at work—the reduction in the size of households and a decline in cheap remed accommodation. Larger families rental accommodation. Larger families are being replaced by smaller families; single households almost doubled between 1961 and 1971, to just over three million. The young and the old are living less with their families. In addition many young people are facing a vicious circle of alienation brought about by unemployment and unsatisfactory living conditions which crupts not only in homelessness but in social unrest. There is little likelibut in social unrest. There is little likelihood of reversing the trend. Some local authorities, Camutelike, faced with an influx of young homeless into their areas, send them back to their parents, but it is not likely that Johnny stays at home for long.

Cheap rented accommodation tradi-tionally used by smaller households has declined by some 2.2 million lettings over the past 20 years. Although these reduc-tions have been offset by equivalent increases in the public sector and housing associations, allocation procedures in these associations, aflocation procedures in these sectors suil tend to exclude the small family and single person.

What is the Government trying to do?

In December 1975 Mr Reg Freeson amounced a new Bill on homelessness to be introduced late in 1976. The Bill has been presented, not by the Department of the Environment but as a private member's Bill. It had its second reading on Each state of the second reading. on February 18. At the moment responsibility and resources for the problem are harmann split, in many local authorities, between the County Social Services Department (responsibility), and the District Housing Councils (resources). The transfer of himse responsibility to the housing departments suggested by the DoE in 1974 has been carried out in only two thirds of the authorities. Where it has not been transferred, up to 14 homelessness policies may exist in a single country area. exist in a single county area.

The Government has now announced its intention of placing a statutory duty on the lousing departments which should at least take account of the fact that homelessness is a housing problem rather than one of social pathology. But laying down precisely defined statutory duties is in itself no easy marter. What counts as being homeless? Should local authorities find homes for every homeless person coming homes for every homeless person coming into their area? How, given the shortage of accommodation, can priorities be established among the many applicants?

It is clearly difficult to solve the lessness problem by legislation without an accompanying increase in resources. The very least that can be hoped for is that the new Bill will remove the present administrative chaos. Whether or not it will fielp to stem the increase in the light can be hoped for is that the numbers of homeless is another issue.

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divides clearly into balves. Upstairs are works made just before or just after the First War; downstairs are works of the Twenties and early Thirties, the years of the Welmar Republic. Upstairs corresponding, presumably, to Apocalypse and downstairs to Utopia.

tant. The dramatic change that can be seen between his prewar and postwar work couldmore than most—be described as a transition from apocalypse to utopia. The large early oil study of 1909 in the window, Skecth: Rider, is the best painting in the show. A well-known watercolour, In the Circle, is one of Kandinsky's Grider, is one of Kandinsky's Grist entirely abstract pictures, dated 1911 but possibly of a year or two later. For some reason it has been put downstairs, hung next to the watercolours and drawings of the Bauhaus period, but it is clearly apocalyptic with its pools of colour and disjointed lines. The later works display technological references in their geometric, abstract imagery: they are joyful works, perhaps even utopian, although the Motor Car. It is a close-up of a man, a woman and a small child sitting in an open motorcan be seen between his preperhaps even utopian, although Kandinsky was too old and wise to indulge the whole-bearted mechanolotry of younger artists like Moholy-

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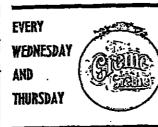
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exhibition of German Nagy. When Ilya Ehrenberg Art 1910-1939 at Fischer Fine visited the Bauhaus in 1927 he Art, Apocalapse and Utopia, was critical of its utopianism, but saw in Kandinsky a moderating influence. This is no barbarian, no blunt prophet of an imaginary 'America'. No, this is more likely a Roman of the third century . . . a man who loves various epochs and has not made an idol . . . out

of our times."

Apocalypse and downstairs to Utopia.

Those categories are a bit most powerful industrial nation on earth. In the Twentes upstairs all apocalyptic, or those downstairs all atopian. Nevertheless this crude division draws attention to the transformation of German art in the carly Twentes. Some Before the First World War artists are represented in both.

Kandinsky is the most important. The dramatic change that tant. The dramatic change that century, in England (Germany had industrialized later). Alone

> child sitting in an open motor car. In the background are reams, more cars and horses. It reams, more cars and norses. It is not a celebration of speed and machinery, like Bald's drawings and paintings of motorcars. But it does attempt to show a contemporary street scene from the viewpoint of someone inside a car. And as such it must be, I should have thought, unique in German painting of the time. The Beckmanns (there are

> duce altogerher) are, apart from the kandinskys, the paintings upstairs. tinest Except for the picture of the car they are much later than anything else in this section (1934 and 1946). In the catalogue, Norbert Lynton writes that "Beckmann's work in oils and his graphics though associated with the New Objectivity of the Twenties, recall the autobiographical focus of Die Brücke". This is true up to a point, although Beckmann always declared that he was not an Expressionist. By comparison with the Brücke work, Beckmann's painting appears for more assured and intelligent. The Brücke works upstairs at the Fischer look sensimental and structureless.
> This is partly because the selection is weak, but largely pecause the paintings by the group, particularly Müller and Pechstein, are nearly always yearning and listless. The exception is Schmidt-Rottluff, the roughest of the Brücke



George Grosz: Akt, c. 1919

artists. White House (Week-Later he was a lecturer at End House) is a particularly Sussex University, a Marxist strong and energetic poloning. There are fine early drawings and primts by Grosz and some superb satirical coloured drawings by Karl Arnold, whose work is little known in England, Ono Dix's hyper-realist portrait of Johanna Ey arrests one with a terrifying stare as one emers the gallery. Downstairs, besides the Kan-dinskys, are two good constructivist paintings by Moholy-Nugy which seem to float on the wall, an excellent selection of klees, some Schlemmers, and a good choice of Schwit-ters, including a strange wooden sculpture much like Bran-

cusi's Bird in Space. The exhibition is around the Guest Book of Alfred and Thekla Hess. The Hesses ran a shoe factory in Erfort. They were patrons and collectors, and artists, art historians, writers and musicians visited their house. Many artists left drawings or watercolours in the guest book, among them Feininger, Kan-dinsky, Heckel, Klees, Müller, Pechstein, Rohlfs and Schmidt Rottluff. Some of these are on show ar the Fischer.

Alfred Hess died in 1931. Thekla Hess and their son Hans settled in York in 1939. Hans Hess became the director of the City Art Gallery and

challenged, though not really altered, by the tortuous vocal lines, excellently sung by Mary Thomas, and the music retains

its extreme spilness, its weird

elegance. Perhaps the real point

is that the originality of expres-

sion is no less pungent for the sound being so attenuated.

in, which had its first perform-

ance, autompts the considerably

more difficult task of portray-

ing the "spiritual biography

as the composer calls it, of

Emily Bronte. Proceeding at a

out, this draws not only on

Wuthering Heights but also on

the poems, and on the diary-

letters that are all she left in

the way of a journal. At no

point does the music approach

the visionary intensity of this

Gordon Crosse's World With-

following. He died two years ago at about the time his book on George Grosz was pub-One of the lesser-known

artists in the Fischer show is Arthur Segal, who was born in Romania of Jewish parents, but worked in Germany. (In 1936 he emigrated to London, where he lived until his death.) There are two curious compartmentalized paintings and a plaster relief of a village street. A collection of Segal's drawings (which were in many ways more interesting than his paintings) is on show at the Alpine Club (74, South Audley Street, W1) until April 30, organized by Richard Nathanson, who has also published a series of Segal's woodcuts from the original blocks. These will be on show at the Ashmolean. be on show at the Ashmoleau, Oxford from May 10 to July 3. Important XIX & XX Century Works on Paper at the Lefevre Gallery (till May 14) contains three Kandinsky watercolours which supplement the Fischer

The collage by Eduardo Paolozzi reproduced in last week's review was made from a Picture Post cover of Fred Astaire and Rica Hayworth, not Gioger Rogers as I mistakenly wrote.

The music had limbe charac-

his intentions, Mr Crosse has

best a suggestion of atmos-

Dorothy Tutin's sensitive read-

ing, confirming that Emily Bronce's words, for all their

multiple resonances, are aggressively complete in themselves.

effect elsewhere. But it would

need a more complex musical

organism that this adequately

to reflect the rich interior life suggested by Bmily Bronte's

verse and prose.

Paul Overy

Two poets interpreted in music

Nash Ensemble

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison Peter Maxwell Davies's Fiddlers

at the Wedding, which began the Nash Ensemble's ensemble on Sunday evening, is a setting of poems by George Mackay Brown. These, with their oblique descriptions of such activities as peat cutting, outline a nar-

row, deprived life, or one that appears so, to us well slow, meditative pace throughdisciplined consumers, Certainly its remotenes is mirrored in Davies's instrumentation, with pale flure melodies, chittering percussion and fugitive tremelos on guitar and mandolin. This seeming emptiness is

Yorkshire Baroque Soloists Purcell Room

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The group of musicians around Peter Seymour, known as the Yorkshire Baroque Soloists, brought an ingratiating collection of cantatas and concertos to the Purcell Room on Sunday evening. They are well placed to approach a wide range of music from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries since their number includes several players on early wind instruments as well as a slender but full com-plement of strings. Their approach is serious and their sound plausible, though the latter needs a good deal of ripening.

As a reminder that the LSO's

As a reminder that the LSO's concert under André Previn on Sunday was given in honour of the silver jubilee, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was there to listen to a programme starting with a new curtain-raiser by John McCabe called Jubilee Prelude.

"Prelude" was apt. So brief a piece could scarcely have been called an overnire. Yet it

is more than a fanfare although growing from fanfare-like motifs which are taken over

from bress and percussion by full orchestra in what McCabe

This notice is reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

They made a singularly un-fortunate choice in Bach's Cantata 82, Ich habe genug. It exploited their every weakness The endless, pliant phrases of its second aria "Schlummert ein" second aria Schulinher emili matched the string group's brusque, short-breathed style, and there was severe antagonism of innonation between oboe and violin. A stiff, sometimes forced, performance from the baritone Richard Jackson did little to help matters. Alan Hacker's interpretation

of a clarinet concerto by Johann (or just possibly Karl) Stamuz yielded happier results. Although it is, according to the programme note, the earliest known concerto for B flat clarinet, Mr Hacker, for tech-nical reasons, played it on a Mozartian instrument in A. He tossed off its runs and dashes with bright-toned aplomb.

In the cantata Su le Sponde

would be no bad idea if, using

the prelude as first movement, McCabe were to develop it into

The guest soloist was Dame Janet Baker, who can always be relied upon to turn a concert

emerged more voluptuous than in "L'Invitation au voyage" and both here and in "La Vie antérieure", there was lovely shading from the orchestra too.

But all five brought personal

touches, like the footsteps on

the stairs in "Au pays où se

fait la guerre" and the wealth

del Tebro, by Alessandro Scar-latti written for soprano with trumper obbligato, Mr Hacker demonstrated another aspect of his instrument's early history.
The clarinet probably originated as a substitute for the trumper, whose highest register was called "clarino". When given, as it was here, an idio matic trumpet part, it can pro-duce an astounding likeness, particularly in the upper reaches.
Mr Hacker's moments of

militarism were nicely answered militarism were nicely auswered by Yvonne Seymour. She gave an assured performance, well articulated, if a bit breathy; her Italian was, I fear, less of the tebro than of the tamigi. Earlier she was joined by Nicholas McGegan, flute, for a graceful reading of the cantata Non Sa Che Sia Dolore, attributed to J. S. Bach, I do not believe a note of it. believe a note of it.

the final climax seemed less than comfortable. For the rest the programme was divided between those two good friends, Britten and Shostakovich Britten was represented by the Sinfonia da Requiem, and perhaps it was oe rened upon to turn a concert into an occasion. In five of Duparc's songs with orchestra she offered a feast of sen-suously beautiful sound as well as all her customary response to mood and individual words. Not often can the voice have emerged more voluntious than its influence that made Mr Previn so very slow and grave in the first and third move-ments of Shostakovich's fifth symphony: the Largo was so profound an elegy that there seemed little hope of victory in the finale—though it eventually came. Nevertheless the more concentrated and convincing of the two readings was Britten's Sinfonia, its opening "Lacrymosa" sustained with fine cumulative intensity, its "Dies irae" macabre in brilliance, and its " Requiem aeternam " bringof meaning in the invitation to ing a Stravinsky-like benediccalls its "second verse". The of meaning in the invitation to ing a Straw brass scoring is ear-catching. It rest in "Phidyle" where only tion to end.

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Last year they sang in Barcelona, Zurich, Ghent, Louvain, and Orange in the south of France. Both abroad and at the Festival Hall, their usuel but not invariable partners are the New Philharmonia Orchestra, with whom their two latest recordings (shortly to be released) were made: the Vivaldi Gloria and Magnificat, under Riccardo Muri, and the Brahms Deutsches Requiem, under Lorin Mazzel. Earlier this month they were again in Barcelona, where the brief arrest of two chorus members by the Spanish police for phoby the Spanish police for pho-tographing a leftist demonstra-tion did not affect an excellent Messiah and a rather less accomplished Mass in B minor under John Britchand under John Pritchard.

"It really rules your life," said one of the young sopranos to me in Barcelona, referring to the cheerful acceptance of demands made by twice-weekly rehearsals, performances, recordings and travel. Employers, one supposes, must be extra considerate, families tolerant, and colleagues (in the

toterant, and coneagues in the case of doctors, nurses and teachers in the chorus) ready to fill in. In July and August there will again be a festival engagement at Orange, where the chorus will for the first time act as reall as sing in time act as well as sing in Beethoven's Fidelio. Its forthcoming twentieth anniversary will still leave the New Philiparymonia Chorus a

youngster beside such cen-tenarians as the Royal Choral Society and the Bach Choir. From these and other choirs with a mainly British tradition of performence and repertory, the New Philharmonia sharply distinguishes uself in howing ns charas-master fly in weeki from Vienna to take rehear sals. He is Norbert Balatsch, choral director to the Bayreuth Festival as well as to the

Festival as wen as to Vienna State Opera.
Originally, as the Philhermonia Chorus, it was created by Walter Legge to complement the Philhermonia ment the Philhermonia Orchestra Wilhelm Pitz, a predecessor of Balatsch's at the Bayreuth Festival, was its first chorus-master. Splendid as was its opening performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at the Festival Hell under Klemperer in 1957, I remember being not over-impressed. Since professional singers were brought in as reinforcement, why should superior? But though this "stiffening" did not last, the standard did.

Like the orchestra, the chorus survived its later disbandment and rose anew-

Like any of today's leading appropriately after a performusicians, they are used to air mance of the Resurrection ports, to hotels, to assessing Symphony of Mahler, at the teacoustics of a strange concerthall. Yet they are anateurs. The New Philhar with the now self-governing monia Chorus, consisting of some 200 London-based voices in 1971 he left affectionate membrage uniquely distinguished. themselves in foreign towning, as well as in gramophone recordings of major works said to have been: "There is row charterers at rehearsal is said to have been: "There is too much pleasure in the behind!" Recordings under Klem-perer, Giulini, Barenboim and others increased the reputation of the chorus. Rafael Frühbeck

de Burgos contribused notably in recording an English-lan-guage Elijah (with Fischer-Dieskau) and an exhikurating Carmina Burana, Paris, Madrid and Göteborg were among cities visited, and to the cen-tral thread of choral masterpieces were added such works as Schumann's Das Paradies und die Peri and Carl Nielsen's Hymnus Amoris, as well as Tippett's A Child of our Time. rippetr's A Child of our Time.
Following an interim under Waker Hagen-Groß of the West Berl'n Opera, Norbert Belatsch has been chorusmenter since 1975. In Earcelona, feet astride, both arms eloquent, he relished the choristers enghanasms but continued against too much "air" in the voice instead of a conin the voice instead of a coucentrated musical tone. He takes Handel's "His yoke is easy" very fast very light. and afterwards offers me the amborism: "The culture of a chorus is por in its force but in its piano ".

No less decisive is the ouslity of the choir's manage-ment, "I run it like a busi-ness," says Charles Spencer, ness, says Charles Spencer, its Austrian-born chairman (and a rank-and-file bass). Being his own boss in the clothing trade, he devotes about four-fifths of his time to the chorus, travels widely to interciew managements, and artists. view managements and artists, and thinks nothing of a 20,000 operation such as the Barcelona performances involved. His non-singing wife, Germaine, administers the tra-

vel arrangements.

I'nder such purpe eful direction, the New Philharmonia Chorus shines. But is its standard, ironically, too high? The planned EMI recording, in Rus-sian, of Prokofier's Ivan the Terrible—a work in which it won plaudits at the Festival Hall last season—has been cau-celled after objection by Equity, representing professional singers. Equity's case is apparently that a commercial recording should use only professionals, except for "sacred" works and others firmly within

the amateur choral tradition.
It seems likely that similar restrictions will be sought on the appearance of amateur choralists in concerts promoted by major professional orches-tras. The New Philharmonia Chorus will not be the only charge to suffer in that event. and the public will perhaps suffer more still.

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sublime that, having just heard pay for the days they were on of it, I am now taking the first opportunily of communicating it to the world at large. After all, telescope, the compass, the in-machine, I meant that it seemed ternal combustion engine and to offer the world infinitely the electrically operated bread on close inspection the dust-knife would have cone the men's idea has much in comworld little good if their inventors had never managed to It has, you might say, disposed spread the news among those of the entropy problem, since it who could see and pursue the is entirely circular and entirely who could see, and pursue, the enormous potential in such devices. And thus it is with the doings at Richmond, where what has been invented is no mere perpetual-motion machine or faster-than-light spacecraft, but a principle of living that, in its simple but all-embracing nature, is as potentially revolutionary as Christianity, Marxism, demo-racy or the electrically-operated bread knife.

To what unknown hero we owe the discovery I cannot tell you; Richmond is silent upon one of those notions that come out of a general discussion, without a particular individual having sat up at a particular moment and said: "Wait a the man who could invent a principle of such immeasurable benefit to the world does not four complainers." strike me as being the kind who would care much for the concomitant glory. This much, at any rate, is known: he was a

The dustmen of Richmondupon-Thames are on strike. That no means as clear as we like to is not particularly surprising; think. Sub specie aeternitatis, most dustmen, in most places, are on strike most of the time. Indeed, the dustmen of Chelsea are said to have been on strike on to a good thing, and no mis-continuously, apart from a short take. For although the Richbreak towards the end of each year, when they collect their Christmas-boxes, since the end of the Crimean War. Nor is it any use my trying to explain normal as a result of their the causes of the strike; though action ", everybody knows per-I could tell you the difference between homoousian and homoihesitation. without

I could distinguish readily between St Athanasius and of Basil or between Clement and Origen, though if you blindfolded me and spun me round thrice I could still, when I had come to rest, tell Vanessa Redgrave from Paul Foot, yet no grave from Paul Foot, yet no Occam's Razor known to me is sharp enough, and no hand wielding it steady enough to understood that the days when a new the research for days. men going on strike. Suffice it remunerated. Even as late as (this much is established) that the postmen's strike of 1971, it (this much is established) that whatever the original reasons for their action, they were refusing to return to work unau unofficial and unadmitted an unofficial and unadmitted "go-slow", in order to increase they were paid at basic "go-slow", in order to overtime rates for the days they had been on strike and at bonus rates for collecting the backlog that had accumulated while, and because, they were on strike. Yet that beautiful, symmetrical and profitable idea is not the one I am referring to.
Now you will, I think, readily

concede that if a group of strikers demand not only to be paid for striking but to be paid extra for doing, in arrears, the work that they would have been doing if they had not been on strike, and I say that there is a jest even riper than that in the offing, what I have in mind must be a nonparell caper. And so it is, as you shall hear. For, on the 18th of March, the Eorough of Richmond gave in all the strikers' demands, in-

ding (there were others) the I have listed; whereupon, following Tuesday, the strik-dustmen rejected their own and demanded, in

In the London Borough of addition and among other Richmond-upon-Thames there things, that they should be paid has been discovered a wheeze so a bonus as well as their basic

When I said earlier that the discovery of the Richmond dustmen was not to be compared the invention of the wheel, the with a mere perpetual-motion self-contained; the dustmen go on strike and require to be paid extra for doing so.

It reminds me of a mercy thought once explored on the Jimmy Edwards radio-show. It seemed that he and his con-federates had discovered a detergent-called, shall we say, Splonk—the manufacturers of which, confident of its quality, caused to be printed upon the packet a guarantee that, if the and the packet returned to the makers, two packets would be supplied free in return. Mr. Edwards claimed to have tested the subject, and by its very this promise by sending back a nature it is likely to have been packet with a complaint, whereucon he was indeed sent two
with no questions asked. Thus
encouraged, he said, he had sent
both of those back and received
four packets without demur. And on sending those four back, minute-I've got an idea." But eight had promotly arrived. A pause, then. "That was three months ago", says Jim briskly; "now we've got six packers and

> Of course, the literal-minded among you will retort that the Jimmy Edwards show was fiction and the Richmond dustmen are fact. That, in my view, is an over-simple view of the mat-; these dividing-lines are by you might say, the Richmond dustmen and Jimmy Edwards are brothers under the skin. Be that as it may, the dustmen are Council state unambigupared to settle this dispute in such a way that the refuse collectors would earn more than fectly well that when a few weeks more rubbish has piled up, that is precisely what the council will do

You must admit that a new and exciting principle will thereby have been introduced into our industrial relations. Once upon a time a man ran the risk of being at least temporarily out of pocket through going on strike, for even if a no work was done would not be the number of hours overtime worked until what had been lost had been made-up. Soon after that, though, it was generally conceded that in no circumstances were strikers to run the risk of sacrificing any income and it has therefore been the rule for some time now that time spent on strike is paid as though it was time spent at work.

And now the dustmen of Richmond-Pioneers, O Pioneers !-have gone one further, and are to be paid extra for going on strike. "They have put themselves to pain", said Jeremiah, "but shall not profit". Nous avons changé tout cela; now they have not put themselves to pain, and shall profit. And Mr Michael Foot, of course, will say "This is well within the terms of the social

America's last approach to the Soviet Union never stood a chance

Why there can be no magic formula to stop the arms race

Not unexpectedly, the Soviet different American proposals for a new strategic arms agreement has spawned a variety of theories to explain this display of hard-nosed Russian behaviour.

Observers sensitive to the political dimension of United States-Soviet relations suggested that contrary to the Carter administration's hopes, the Soviet leadership used the occasion of the arms talks to signal its displeasure with President Carter's policy on human rights.

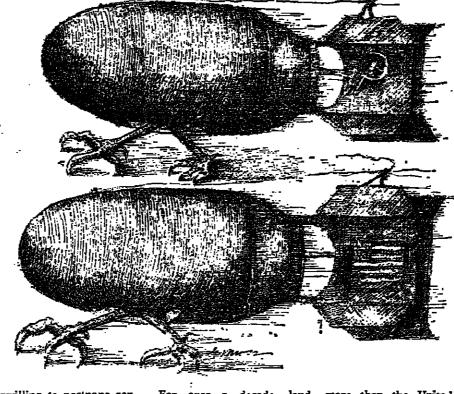
Students of Soviet negotiating behaviour have also speculated that party leader Brezhnev was merely interested in probing the resolve of the new administration. If Mr Carter stands firm, it is suggested, the Soviets will come round.

tion seems to have rejected the idea that it is being "tested? or that the human rights issue played an important role in the Soviet decision. Instead, Mr Carter has argued that the Carter has argued that the United States proposal calling for "deep cuts" in strategic forces was so innovative that the Soviet leadership was simply unprepared to consider its "dramatic" implications during Mr Vance's short visit. All these explanations prob-ably contain some degree of truth, but they fail to address Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's charge that the administration's proposals " pur-sued the aim of getting unilateral advantages for the United States at the detriment

In fact, as the details of the two proposals slowly emerge, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that, from the Soviet perspective, the United States offers were unbalanced and thus unacceptable.

For a start, one of the proposals had already been rejected by the Soviet Union in discussions with the Ford administration last year. This was to accept the 2,400 ceiling on ballistic missiles and long-range bombers agreed to at the Vladivostok summit in November 1974 and to defer to a later round of talks the troublesome questions of whether and how limits would be placed on the Sovier "Backfire" bomber and the United States Cruise

The Soviet Union is deeply concerned about the Cruise mis-sile and has repeatedly said that without constraints on its deployment, a new agreement is not possible. Thus, it is not surprising that Mr Brezhnev



was unwilling to postpone consideration of these low-flying

However, Soviet opposition to the United States proposal for reducing strategic missile and bomber forces is more difficult to explain. This plan—the administration's preferred administration's "preferred option"—would have reduced the Vladivostok ceilings for intercontinental missiles and bombers to 1,800 or so and would have also reduced the number of launchers equipped with multiple warheads (MIRV) from 1,320 to approximately 1,100. It would have also placed the control limits on the Cruice misstrict limits on the Cruise mis-

turn it down? Despite the Administration's arguments. the answer does not seem to lie Soviet unwillingness to countenance reductions. one thing, in negotiations last year with Henry Kissinger, the Soviet Government itself gested that the forces of the two sides be reduced from the levels outlined at Vladivostok. The answer, instead, appears to lie in the fact that the United States reductions proposal was not just designed to reduce strategic forces gener-

out a special category weapons for reduction—la

based missiles with MIRV.

For over a decade, land-based missiles have made up the largest single component of both United States and Soviet strategic forces. But with the widespread deployment of multiple warheads and the cies, analysts in the West have grown increasingly concerned over the ability of land-based missiles to survive attack. As a result, many strategists have called for the two superpowers to move their nuclear

ballistic missile submarines. It appears that this was what Mr Carter's reductions proposal was, in part, designed to do. In addition to lowering overall ceilings for strategic forces and launchers with for two additional ceilings on land-based missiles: a limit of 550 for land-based missiles with MIRV and, according to Gromyko, a 50 per cent reduction of large payload, "heavy" missiles—which only the Soviet Union deploys.

These measures would have had a profound impact on with, the Soviet Union places a far greater reliance on its landbased missiles than does the United States. Soviet landmore than the United States has) and over 80 per cent of the payload the Soviet Union could use in a nuclear attack is tied up in these systems. At the same

bomber and submarine capaweak. Soviet long-range bombers number less than 150 and most are 20 years old. And while the Soviet Union is buildties, for geographical reasons, it is sensitive about basing too much reliance on a sea-based deterrent. Significantly, while the United States keeps roughly half of its missile submarines at sea and in range of targets in the Soviet Union, only 15 per cent of the Soviet sub-marine force is estimated to be at sea at any one time.
Mr Carter's proposal

reductions, then, undoubtedly raised troubling questions for Moscow. Under the Vladiyostok guidelines, the Soviet Union would have been permitted to replace almost all of its landsed missiles with MIRV versions. However, the United States reductions scheme would have had the effect of forcing the Soviet Union to modernize many of its sea-based missiles instead.

From the American perspecbased missiles now number tive, this was a step towards over 1,500 (almost 50 per cent greater strategic stability. Seen

to channel super-power strageographically and technologic ally dominated by the United

Thus, the Administration two proposals were almost bound to fail. But this does not necessarily mean that they should not have been tabled. Particularly in the case of Mr Carter's proposal for mutual reductions, last week's episode in Moscow tells us something about Soviet attitudes and super-power arms control gener-

not, as some have argued, seem opposed to the general idea of reductions; it was the condi-tions under which they were to be imposed that bothered the Soviet leadership.
In wider terms, while both

reaching a new agreement this year, neither can be expected to enter into an accord that is seen to run counter to its own definition of what constitutes deterrence.
Second, while United States

negotianors should not be afraid to try out new ideas, the "shock effect" of new proposals should be minimized. Mr Gromyko's threat to re-introduce the sensitive question of United States aircraft based in Europe suto the negotiations—after they had been left out of the Visidivostok ceilings—indicated that this is game that both sides can play.

Third, because the two sides view their strategic relationship from very different perspec tives, proposals that require a basic agreement on the nature of strategic problems are un-

likely to get very far.

The United States reductions cheme was clearly designed to do something about land-based missile vulnerability—a problem that the Soviet Union doesn't even appear to recognize. The strength of the Vladivostok approach, on the other hand, is that it provided the "elbow room" for each side to react to its own set of strategic con

cerns.
Last week's encounter indicates, then, that there is a danger in asking more from arms control than it can deliver. There are many problems that formal negotiations, at least at the present, are unable to resolve. Exaggerating what the talks can accomplish is likely to make negotiations more difficult and it could also create expectations that a new agreement will inevitably disappoint

Richard Burt

Hebrew, a message from the past

The recent four-day Hebrew by the World Hebrew Union and Vienna University, was of much wider interest than a routine gathering of scholars. One significant aspect was the par-ticipation of four Hebrew scholars from Poland-only scholars from one of them Jewish—two from and the Chief Rabbi of Romania, Dr Moses Rosen, a Hebrew scholar of

This was a event, as was pointed out by the Austrian Minister Science and Culture, Frau Dr. Herba Firnberg in her address of greening to the opening session. Nevertheless, Hebrew happens to be the language of the state of Israel, and eastern black countries. and eastern block countries tend to have nd "diplomatic relations" with Hebrew as well as with Israel.

The overall theme of the congress was the development of Hebrew from the language of the Bible into the daily ver or the Bible into the daily ver-nacular of a highly technologi-cal society. There is no longer a division between "classical" Bebrew and "laler." Hebrew. The Prophet Isaiah, if he were to reappear, could easily read the Hansard of the Knesset. (It would probably drive him to yet more furious admoni-tions, but that is another matto yet more rurings acmoni-tions, but that is mother mat-ter.) On the other hand, mod-ern Israeli scientists can, and do, read the Bible in the origi-

Such a Phoenix-lke revival did not happen to Latin or Ancient Greek. Not did it happen to any other ancient eastern tongue. The Insh made a valiant attempt to revive Gaelic and did not succeed very well. The Scot never seriously tried. The Welsh, on the other hand, are on the way to becoming becoming a of Diaspora Jews know nodern Hebrew, and so they, to, are bilingual. To go into the reasons why some groups suc-ceeded and some did not would take more than a thorn

It transpired at the congess that scholars and writers of monolingual countries Britain, France, Italy—tok longer to accept the idea of bilingualism as a normal human condition than do from multilingue countries-Switzerland, gium, Canada.

The conclusions of the Vienna congress have interesting implications for Hebrew studies in this country. At present some of the great Hebrew scholars are so immersed in "classical" Hebrew that they have no time for the spoken variety of our age. You find a strange phenomenon: the Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford or Cambridge is unable to speak a fluent modern Hebrew, and would be lost in a Tel Aviv supermarket. (Not quite: the sales staff are usually bilingual, but this does not affect the argument.)

Professor Kurt Schubert, head of the Oriental Institute fine Hebrew scholar, pointed out that he requires perfection in modern Hebrew also from his teacher of the Bible and classical texts. "Otherwise they cannot do their jobs properly."

The Professor of Hebrew at the University of Salzburg Father Suitbert Siedel, a Franciscan monk, presided over one of the sessions in full garb and in a beautiful Hebrew. He said he would never consider that he knew Hebrew if he were not able to converse in it freely and read the latest Tel Aviv pop poets. Professor Witold Tyloch. of Warsaw, addressed the congress in a good Hebrew. He wrote a Hebrew grammar, incorporat-ing the newest twists of the language.
Let me conclude with a quo-

tation from the remarks of Chief Rabbi Dr Rosen: "We do not have to plead the acceptance of Hebrew. The Almighty has seen to it by give ing Moses on Mount Sinai the Commandments Hebrew."

S. J. Goldsmith

Economics or ecology: Canada's policy on the environment is put to the test That study is expected to last from the New Democratic able maximum. At least one though he did not explain how, up to two years, and the company, official opposition to the other paper company operating. On the other, he has made it must undertake a Conservative Government in the north faces similar clear that one of his principal

Ottawa, April 18

A plan by which a British company would gain timber rights to a country-size tract of land in north-west Ontario has become a lively political issue in Canada. Under a memorandum of

understanding signed last autumn, the Reed Paper Co would get first option on 19,000 square miles of virgin wilderness in the area of Ear Falls and Red Lake, 250 miles north-west of Lake Superior. Its intention is to erect a \$400m pulp and paper plant. The firm is a subsidiary of Reed Paper Ltd, which is 85 per cent owned by the British conglomerate, Reed International.

Despite the understanding with the Ontario provincial government, it will be years before Reed can obtain a licence to proceed with the huge project, and completion is not likely until the mid-1980s.

An environmental review board beaded by Mr Justice Patrick Hartt, of the Ontario contract".

Supreme Court, has been established to examine the ecological consequences of the plan.

You will probably want to know that 1977 will see the victory of the world people's revolution led by the party committee of the Workers' Institute of Marxism-Leninism-

Mao Tse-tung Thought and beloved Chairman Hua, I am

by storm " declared a recent issue of the *Bulletin*. My reporter who looked in to buy

a 15p Little Red Book, was told

by the man minding the shop that there are two study ses-

sions per week, each attended

Members of the institute, he said, built it themselves in their

own time with their own money.

In the words of a recent Bulletin: "When beloved Chairman Mao passed away on

September 9 last year, our

comrades worked tirelessly to transform our profound grief into great strength." So they

built their centre "right in the heart of the revolutionary base

by about two dozen people.

comprehensive feasibility study. Assuming that the parties are willing to proceed after all this, the Government sure that the decision is presented to the public in the most favourable way.

What makes the project so controversial, apart from the fact that it involves an area one-fifth the size of Britain and bigger than either Belgium or Denmark, is Reed's background as a timber resource operator in Ontario.

The company is facing 10 charges of violating Canada's Environmental Protection Act by reason of wastes dumped into the Wabigoon River from an existing pulp and paper plant at Dryden, 150 miles south of the proposed timber concession. If convicted, Reed could face lines of up to \$10,000 per charge for every day of the offence. The case is scheduled to resume in Dryden tomorrow.

The announcement of a pro-Roed brought a strong reaction

Toronto, and from Indian groups in the north-west. Native leaders hold Reed the New Democratic Party, esponsible for the mercury obviously believes that the procontamination of the English-

Wabigoon river system, which some years ago forced the closure of a valuable commercial fishery and two of the largest tourist lodges in the region.
Some Indians have shown symptoms of a form of mer-

cury poisoning named Mini-mata disease—after a town in Japan where bundreds of people were crippled or died when the sea became contaminated with mercury. So far few days after the memoran-there have been no confirmed dum was signed. Reed, he cases in the area of the timber added: "will be our symbol of reserve, however. the squandering of forest

using mercury more than a other times, however, Mr year ago, so there are no more Lewis has given indications emissions into the river, that his opposition might be although scientists say it may be less than total, provided the years before the last traces right guarantees are written years before the last traces right guarantees a have disappeared. In any case, into the agreement. Reed is not being charged with A spokesman for mercury pollution, but with dumping 24.9 tons of suspended organic solids daily into the Wabigoon in 1975 pended organic solids daily Rickard, has said the proposed into the Wabigoon in 1975— development could eventually about three times the allow mean their "death warrant",

Mr Stephen Lewis, leader of

posed development is a good issue on which to appeal to and some of the native peoples environmental groups and nauve peoples organizations in a provincial election campaign. The province Has a minority government, so an election could be called at any time. "We're going to fight it tooth and nail, week in and the province until the election", the NDP leader said a

The plant at Dryden stopped resources in the province". At

A spokesman for about 2,000 Cree and Ojibway Indians living in the area, Chief Andrew

door to seek the opinion of

Sotheby's team of six experts. Philip Wadsworth, a director

concerns is that native people get their share of the 1,200 to 1,900 jobs the new mill would

If the politicians in Toronto are having trouble sorting out their responses, enthusiasm for the project is great in the towns which would be affected. For instance, in Red Lake (population 2,250) the development is seen as a means of stabilizing the local economy, some gold mines near by whose operations fluctuate according Reed insists that the de-

vekopment would be ecologically sound; the company's president, Mr Robert Billingsley, says he has faith in the assessment process the propo-sal will go through. "Facts overcome myth", he has said. "Responsible people will see this process is a good and desirable one. What I think we'll do is focus public accoun-

John Best



will begin in August when California's 24-member Sir Francis Drake Commission (appointed by former governor Ronald Reagan) will go to Plymouth.

the original flotilla, the crew-sighted a faire and good have" three-year quadricentennial sighted a faire and good have celebrations of Sir Francis just north of San Francisco.

the 80 men a hospitable reception and Drake, in the custom of the day, took possession of the land in the name of the sovereign and christened it Nova Albion. He set off again after five weeks pointing after five weeks pointing after the set of the sovereign and the set of the set after five weeks, sailing west across the Pacific and Indias oceans, rounding Africa and reaching Plymouth in September, 1580. He had with him enough treasure to pay off the The Sir Francis Drake Com-

mission, beaded by a professor of geography from the University of California at Los Angeles, plans to relive much of this stirring stuff in 1979. There will be a week's

international conference on the politics, economics, society, religion and arts of the day, a reception on board the Gulden Hinde II—the replica anchored in San Francisco Bay-and a big hanquer in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel The one point that apparently is not to be re-enacted is the paying off at a stroke of Britain's national

Six members of the House of Commons expenditure commit toe and three officials flew iv Washington at the weekend. first class by Pun American. 10 spend a week looking at how the Americans economize on public expenditure. It would no doubt he a dreap and unworthy jibe to suggest that one way might be to cut down on the number of expensive foreign trips.

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The Times Diary

Now the good news from Brixton

betoved chairman ridu. I am sorry I did not tell you sooner, but the news has been kept from you by the lie machine of the fascist state. books on acupurcture, it has its very own "gang of four" which it berates mercilessly in its publications. Besides "the worker-aristocrar Reg Birch", To discover this excellent news for yourself you must live in Brixton and be a reader of the South London Workers' Bulletin. This is the weekly news sheet of the Workers' Institute which set itself up in who leads the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), they are leaders of the Com-munist Parties (Marxist-Leminist) of England, Ireland and Canada. Their crime apparently is to "vainly chal-Acre Lane, a short distance from Lambeth Town Hall, last The institute, in a converted shop, houses a bookshop, library lenge the revolutionary authority of Chairman Hua". (Birch is the man who has been and workers' centre, where the party holds political rutorials and study groups. "This new development in Britain has taken the British fascist state trying vainly to get the airport men back to work.)

The Brixton Maoists are this week holding a three-day con-ference in Lambeth Town Hall on "building a revolutionary stable base area", with Chinese films. It will later move to a church hall in Kingsway, finishing with a "revolutionary social". I hope they invite Margaret Thatcher.

Split second

Commuters who travel from Woking to Waterloo and back have been bemused by the revision of the peak hour timetable. Working, it seems, on the unproven assumption that the more closely a train is timed the more likely it is to Not only does the Institute keep to schedule, the rimetable

sell works of Mao, and other supremos show for more faith useful literature including in the reliability of the new services than case hardened travellers.

Thus, of the 29 trains which will leave Woking between 7.01 and 9.14 in the morning, eight are timed to leave on the half minute. The traveller who misses the 7.491 from Platform 3 has to choose between crossing to Platform 2 for the 7.57, or to stay where he is and wait for the 7.57}. And how about a wife meet

left it with them, and it will appear in the saleroom soon. ing her husband from the 17.45 on Platform 4? How will of interest to the Middle she feel if he suddenly Eastern buyers, who go for switches plans and comes in on the 17.45! on Platform 5? Sales of stop watches in Woking are expected to soar.

How much?

Encouraged by the success of a recent four-day excursion to Longleat. Sothebys, the auctioneers, have this week set up shop at Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire, and are offering a free valuation service for family heirlooms. Business was hrisk on the first day, as Alau Hamilton reports:

Within the first hour, a substantial queue of hopefuls, each bearing a curiously shaped package wrapped in blankets or newspaper, had formed by the Drake's voyage round the world

things which are, er, garish ". said the vase expert. The morning also produced a pair of eighteenth-century cut glass candelabra, which the owner readily agree to part with. The cut glass expert peered at it scentically. "Perhaps £1.000 if all the bits are there", he said doubtfully. But they very rarely are."

This sort of thing is mainly

Swashbuckling

California is getting ready to pay its respects to the swashbuckler who established the first English presence in the state nearly 400 years ago. The

of Sothebys, explained: "We have been holding these free valuations in provincial towns for the past two years and they have produced some exciting finds. But parking in towns is becoming such a problem. Setting up shop in a stately home has the combined advantages of easy parking and a readily identifiable address." The first day of the Woburn treasure hunt was encouraging. A woman rolled up in an estate car and unloaded an enormous Chinese vase nearly five feet tall, which the experts declared to be mid-nineteenth century Cantonese, and worth a good £2,000. The delighted woman

> Drake left Plymouth in December, 1577, with five ships, heading south west, He rounded Cape Horn, then sailed north along the Pacific coast, raiding Spanish treasure galloons and ports along the way. On June 17, 1579, with only the flagship, the Golden Hinde, left of

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MRS THATCHER'S EASTERN TOUR

China, Japan and Hengkong will have brought its surrises. East Asian civilization has a distinctive character for which the long British association with the rest of Asia, where so much of a visible legacy survive, is no preparation at all. East Asia lives in its own world and hows it and cannot conceal it. Yttit is a civilization that has been absorbed, ever since t was "opened up" in the nintreenth century, by its relations with the

That is one good reason for understanding it and it is put of the explanation why the eatern wars in which the West has been involved in the last forty years have all been in East Asu-Japan, Korea, Vietnam. An etort is needed to come to terms with these countries ; like them or mit. international dealings or trale with them calls for understanting. That was good reason for Mrs Thatcher's journey.

In China she was much approved of because of her decided view on the Russians. It is not simply this attitude that has more often recommended Conservative visitors to China than Labour ones. In an era wien new relations with Asian countries are being adopted it is natural for a generation of anti-imperialist socialists to feel at home with the ex-comial territories they feel that trey liberated while the pride and detachment of East Asia have rather more appeal to

Conservatives It was illeged against Mrs Thatcher that she was unnecessarily strident in her anti-Soviet stand in Chin, with the implication that in being so she was currying favour with her hosts. She has answeed this charge

herself by insisting that she had said nothing in China that she had not already said many times in Britain. The record is proof of that. She could further argue that however distasteful China's political system might seem, there is no doubt that Russia is the country that has threatened and still threatens British interests in Europe while China is not and seemed unlikely ever to be a military threat to this country. Britain's relations with China have consequently been conducted on a friendly basis since this friendship necessarily derived in part from common concern over a common enemy. One need look no farther than India for the operation of a similar common interest, both India and Russia having come closer together as each began to perceive China as an enemy.

That does not mean that the extreme and seemingly unchanged view of an inevitable war that the Chinese attach to their views on Russia have made any more impact on Mrs Thatcher than they did on the late Mr Crosland or any other of the west European leaders who have done their China tour. Still less should the British relationship with China inhibit judgment of a political system which lacks all the political freecoms we value in Britain. No kind of ideological identity follows from Anglo-Chinese friendship, a fact acknowledged as realily by the Chinese in their dealings with all western

countries. Japan is a different matter. The country is more open to free inquiry. It has adopted democratic ways and enjoys all the political freedoms that go with Like China's, however,

Japan's relations with the West

have been dominant in the country's international thinking in the past century and remain unresolved. Japan is meshed into the western world's economic system. For these reasons westerners have not made the same effort to understand Japan as they have done in probing China's mysteries. China is larger and more distant, its Τt civilization more ancient. offers a vast area of time and space in which the imagination may wander. Added to all that has been what seemed an original revolutionary bloom unfolding just at a time when all the others were beginning to smell stale or putrid. Fashion has come powerfully to China's aid in inflating a country that seems unattainable to most whereas Japan's superficial westernization and economic success have diverted rather than elicited the study of the

country that is no less necessary. It is not enough simply to envy the Japanese car production lines that Mrs Thatcher inspected, where workers rarely strike, technical advance is welcomed and overmanning is unknown. The social cohesion and national emotions that lie behind this economic success must be understood by any political visitor who is likely to have to deal with Japan. As with China, though for different reasons, Mrs Thatcher might say of Japan that "it is not our kind of society". For all that it is a country where minds are free and thoughts are open and uninhibited, where a process of cross-cultural exchange goes on that links Japan and the West. In the coming decades our relations with Japan are bound to be closer and to matter even more than our relations with China.

DIVIDED LOYALTIES AT HEATHROW

Heathrow membes of the Transport and Geneal Workers' Union it was eviden how complex the attitudes of trade unionists on the marin of such disputes can be. If put of the work of the engineers in unofficial strike had not beendone by other workers, even ater last week's formal agreemen to do so had been abandoned, British Airways would probably have been altogether groundit by now. The conflict has reuced the number of flights, however, and the TGWU members lave threatened to take industial action of their own if anylof their number lose their jos. Their warning to the companyn

The TGWU is mainly a uniol' of the less skilled and less well paid, who have little reason to the same force this time. But sympathize with the maintenance the main difference lies in the men's demand for restored pay way all parties have managed to differentials and for negotiating yet things into a muddle. Comdifferentials and for negotiating rights outside the industry's existing joint arrangements. Still less do they want to see their own jobs threatened by a long dispute over such matters. But the conventions of their movement still hold some sway, and resentment against pay restraint is not confined to those who have done relatively badly out of it.

These conflicting motives are apparent in most disputes of the distinctive type that has become common in this stage of incomes policy. As at Leyland and Port

Sir, President Carter's statement

lomestic nuclear programme should

on be misunderstood. By banning the production of plutonium he stely seeks to strike at the heart othe anti-nuclear lobby whose only

cent case is proliferation of

phonoun production. He wants the utilear industry to use its ingenuity

aktumive. Thorium reserves are

at east three times more abundant that uranium and, therefore, it is

mai transant and, therefore, it is reserve than transant and its derivitive plantam. Although the thorium fud cycle does present technical difficulties there are two distinct advanages which may now be sufficient to stimulate its full-scale

Beeding of more fuel than is

actually consumed is practically possile using thermal reactor

systems. These are, intrinsically, much afer than fast reactors.

prievelop the alternatives. he chorium reactor is a viable

the policy of United States

Thorium reactors

From Mr J. G. Flinn

development:

At yesterday's mas meeting of Talbot, and now at Ford's Halewood plant too, a small group of skilled workers take action even at the risk of finding themselves at odds with other trade unionists and their own union, as well as management and the Government. How the forces align themselves in these cases depends on many factors. At British Leyland a united front by the management, the engineering union and the Government secured the isolation of the strikers, who gave in (though many tensions remain). At Heathrow similar conditions are present, but they have not yet had the same effect.

Part of the difference lies in the fact that British Leyland was effect strengthens the hand of already tottering, while British the strikers. Airways are not. Official warning about the loss of future public investment do not have junications have been bad and ofers have been misunderstood. The contentious "blacklegs" chreer", which was agreed upon win at least the tacit consent of the AUEW leadership, was made public in such a way that the viion felt obliged to condemilit, in spite of its acute embarassment at being defied so openly by its members.

British Airways introduced a further element of confusion at the weekend by raising the hare of a letwing plot (a charge

which it was forced to modify almost out of existence a few hours later). Sir Harold Wilson hastened the end of the 1966 seamen's strike by making a similar accusation, but on the whole the gambit is a difficult one to carry off. There are often members of the extreme left somewhere on the fringes of an unofficial strike, and they usually have ulterior motives for stirring it up. But a strike cannot be sustained long if most of the participants do not believe in it. and in this case the grounds of the maintenance men's discontent are plain and obvious. Such bluster simply tends to breed mistrust in other groups like the TGWU workers.

The Heathrov been isolated indeed, but not in such a way as to make them think that hev cannot gain their Yet the airline cannot commit itself to an award in August until it is known what formula of pay restraint, if any, will be in force then; nor to the overthrow of its multi-union negotiating system. Still less can the union accept the repeated defiance of its repeated instructions. It is just because many others among its membership feel the same grievance as the maintenance men that the union needs to assert discipline if a succession of revolts is to be avoided. Faltering and inconsistent actions simply create con-fusion and obscure the way to a settlement.

Pressure on airports

From Mr D. C. Wood Sir, The concern expressed by the Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (letter, April 12) concerning the increasing pressure on London airports is understandable, but, like the poor, the airports will always be with us, and cannot be spirited away.

Surely the council must now be regretting quite bitterly, its stand in conversing the absurd, hugely ex-pensive, and inaccessible Maplin pensive, and inaccessible maybut when, had it surported the findings of Roskill, it might, even now, be experiencing some relief from a new airport sited, as Mr Goldrein commenced in the same issue, "to the north of Lordon".

Has it learnt from its previous Yours faithfully, DERRICK WOOD, Chairman, Defenders of Essex, The Chase, Paglesham East End, Rochford, April 13.

Creation of Uganda

From Dr Richard A. Frost Sir, Mr C. Le G. Eaton's letter in your issue today (April 13) is mis-leading. It seems to suggest that Uganda was a country of which the Kabaka was hereditary King-Uganda, however, is a country created by the British and incorporcreated by the British and incorpor-ating Buganda, of which the Kebaka was ruler from long before the arrival of the British, and Bunyoro. Toro and other areas. The conflict between the last Kabaka, Sir Frederick Muses and the British Frederick Mutesa, and the British Government arose from differing views about the position of Buganda

within the Uganda Protectorate. There was no "traditional structure of government in Uganda, because there was no Uganda until the British created it. Yours faithfully, RICHARD A. FROST. The Close, Appleton, Oxfordshire.

April 13.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future of local broadcasting

From Mr P. F. Smith Sir, Your leading article on the future of local broadcasting (April 15) relies far too heavily on the negative aspects of the case against the recommendation of the Annan Committee that all local broadcasting should be under the control of a new Local Broadcasting Authority. On the positive side you mention only that BEC local radio makes some contribution to the main stream of the Corporation's activities. You say nothing of the outstanding achievements of local rudio in serving the community of which it is a part.

The evidence in Nottingham, pro-

vided not only by the audience research figures compiled by the BBC but also by an independent survey carried out under the auspices of the University of Leeds, is that the University of Leeds, is that in the nine years of its existence BEC Radio Nottingham has built un a considerable reputation and following in the city and county. Its policy, independently developed in the freedom given to local radio by the BBC centrally, has been to provide a basic service of local news. information and assistance and to cater for the needs of minority groups representing a wide range of interests. In pursuing this objective the staff of the local station have not been hampered by the need to cultivate and retain a particular audience dictated by the requirements of advertisers, nor by the financial worries which must beset any organization dependent on advertising revenue, nor by the fear of failure measured in pounds and pence on a company balance sheet. Those staff together with members of the community, have created lively and imaginative weekly programmes for the two major immigrant groups, the local churches, schools, jazz enthusiasts, farmers, antique collectors, anglers and all sorts of other people. Would those programmes survive the need to raise advertising revenue? There may be many occasions

when arguments in favour of the status quo are appropriately founded on the lack of an acceptable alternative—but this is not one of them. BBC local radio has achieved much in its short life and there is much still to be achieved. It should be sent on its way with encouragement and good will, not with the grudging acceptance that the alternative would inevitably be worse. Yours faithfully,

PETER SMITH, Acting Warden, Wortley Hall, University Park, Nottingham. April 15.

From Dr J. Apley Sir, Among the 522 pages of the Annan Report I read with amuse-Annan Report I read with amusement that "At the first breath of criticism the Corporation adopts a posture of a hedgehog at bay". A gem, if slightly synthetic. Through its Chairman the BBC has now gone over to the attack (The Times, April 15). His opposition to the proposed ension of regional broadproposed erosion of regional broadcasting should be strongly sup-

What has particularly encouraged me during the last few years, as Chairman of the BBC West Regional Council and member of the General Advisory Council, is what is clumsily labelled de-metropolitanisation together with the healthy trend to increase and enhance regional contributions to broadcasting. At last the tide was coming in now Aman's communication Canutes want to turn it back. They would weaken the links between BBC and most of the population. They would reduce the more faithful representation of the wide English scene that was being achieved in regional, as in national and international,

broadcasting.
Where in the BBC regional
"island sites" did the Annanites discover the low morale they re-port? At meetings of regional chairmen we had the feeling that our BBC advisory bodies were guerour BBC advisory nodies were guer-rilla fighters, just as ready to turn against as to fight side by side with the regular forces, but with a sense of purpose and echievement re-flecting that of the regional staffs. riecting that of the regional statis. If the proposals to demote and debilitate regional broadcasting are not firmly discarded morale will most certainly suffer.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN APLEY. 16 Somerset Place. April 15.

Laughing bishops

From the Rev Robert de Massey From the Rev Robert de Massey
Sir, I have noticed, with Dr William
Strawson, the briarity of consecration day, and this as far back as
photographs of consecrations of
bishops have been published. It has
nothing to do with Dr Coggan.
There is an old proverb, "He who

nothing to do with Dr Coggan.

There is an old proverb, "He who laughs last laughs longest", and in many cases post-consecration appearances would suggest that this indeed was the "last laugh", although in a sense other than was proverbially intended. Once a bishop, the propensity to laughter is often sadly diminished, so let us not attempt to analyse their last mirthful fling, but rather rejoice in it. Yours faithfully, Yours faithfully. ROBERT de MASSEY. Abberton Rectory, Colchester. April 16.

Mother's occupation

From Mrs Meriel Field-Smith Sir, Perhaps the answer to your correspondent, Mr J. F. Nugée's query (letter, April 4) as to the exclusion of a question about his mother's occupation when filling in forms lies in the statement I was astonished to read in a local newspaper today. The winner of a local contest for a "Jubilee Queen" said she only ensured "to get away from the stigma of being a housewife and mother"! Yours sincerely, MERIEL FIELD-SMITH,

concerned, currently it is as worn by the regular force but would be replaced by silver bars provided the North Lodge, new rank structure is implemented.
Clearly misleading is the quote
there will never be a situation
where regular officers will have to Cheapside, Ascot, Berkshire, April 6.

Confusion of purpose about education some seek no more than a smart school uniform, and most—most dun't know what then want from a school, but, noting the current concern expressed in the media, they feel that there is something vaguely wrong. There is a real danger that our schools will become the schools grantening attention on

the scapegoat, focusing attention on one facet of a confused society to the exclusion of others.

Somehow teachers must sift the mass of criticism and comment, and

respond to that which is genuine and well-informed, without losing confidence and without over-react-

ing. Above all, we must not aban-don professional impenio

idealism by capitulating to the most rocal, or best organized pres-

sure group. Yours faithfully,

Hertfordshire.

April 14.

esprit?

MARTIN FISHER, 33 Yardley, Letchworth,

From Mr W. Roderick Dow

Williams represents?

Sir, I must say that I am aghast at the glib statement, as reported in today's Times (April 15), by Mrs

Shirley Williams that she regards

small sixth forms struggling to provide a limited number of A

level courses as profoundly unsatis-factory." Who is responsible for

this situation if not the party Mrs

there has been the same rectales as characterizes Concorde, except that there only a useless aircraft resulted, whereas now it is the lives

of British youngsters which are at stake. Does nobody who admini-

sters education realize that the priority beyond all others is a period

of settled conditions within which

a school may build up its own

As a teacher I do not like the system we now largely have, but

it is apparently the best system we

can expect. Are we not entitled,

at the chalk face, to get there vacillating meddlers off our backs

for a decade or two while we try to preserve what is left to us and

to recoup our losses?

From Mrs J. Burns de Bono

suggested a common

Sir, Your Education Correspondent,

Tim Devlin, on April 11 culled 30 bright ideas from the Great Debate

on Education. Among them was that of Conrad Rainbow, who has suggested a common European

Certificate for pupils aged 18, combining A level and the International Baccalaureate. All those

Mediterranean countries, such as Malta, who have a really serious interest in giving their children a

chance to attend not only their own,

but European universities, are having a very long look at the International Baccalaureate which

should count as four passes at A

Until entry into all European

universities, including those of England, can be secured by a com-

mon entrance examination, the reality of European unity will evade us. In medieval times, scholars

wandered happily all over Europe

from Padua, to Paris, to Oxford,

and the brightest of Renaissance minds were formed by this Euro

pean intellectual unity. Can this come again to Europe and if so,

JOSEPHINE BURNS DE BONO,

how soon?

Yours truly,

The Gardens

Mensija Street, St Julians,

Malta GC.

April 12.

W. R. DOW, 6 Lower Penns Road,

April 15.

Paignton, Devon.

There has been the same reckless

From Mr B. J. H. Blanchurde Sir, In the long history of educa-tional debate in this country it is not often that the ordinary class-room practitioner has rated a first leader in The Times (April 14).
May I congratulate you not only on according them that distinction but also on the point you make in the last paragraph in which you draw attention to the confusion of purpose about education.

pose about education.

But surely you are unfair in blaming teachers for that confusion?

Can the profession be expected to have a "livelier sense . . . of what society reasonably expects of it? when society itself, mirrored in your own pages, hardly knows what it wants of schools?

wants of schools?

A cursory examination of The Times since the beginning of the year shows demands for more formal teaching of the three Rs (January 7), calls for a revival of classics teaching (January 24), for industry a company to the classics teaching (January 24), for a revival of the classics teaching (January 24), for a second control of the control of the classics teaching the classics that the classical teaching the classics teaching the classical teaching the industry" training, business games and discussions on production, marketing and so on (January 25), for more education in politics (January 25), for teachers to help protect atrisk children (February 21) and for training in hi-fi electronics (April

Granted the individual importance of all these items (not to mena multiplicity of pressure groups) such a list is symptomatic of a confusion of values, priorities, emphases, interests and subjects within society itself—it is small wonder that the schools are also

confused. May I add that my work takes me into schools of many complexions and I stand in admiration at what they manage to achieve despite the nation's internal inconsistencies; it is a pity that they cannot be accorded the armosphere of nonpartisan support they need to get on with the jub-it is too important to be left to anoteurs. bez ta remaia, Sir.

Your obedient servant BRIAN J. H. BLANCHARDE, in Education, Lecturer in Educat Bristol Polytechnic, Redland Hill, April 14

From Mr Stuart Section Tim Sir, Your correspondent, Devlin, tells us that one of the 30 "bright" ideas to come out of the education conferences is to "establish centres of excellence where teachers can give intensive teaching

on Saturday mornings".

Would it not be an even brighter idea for such centres of excellence to be open on the other mornings of the week, or better still all day? I believe such centres of excellence used to be known as "grammar schools"? Yours faithfully. STUART SEXTON,

Hurnford Cottage, Sanderstead Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey. April 12.

From Mr Martin Fisher Sir, As a teacher, I think you are right to draw attention to the lack teachers (leader, April 14). It is a pity that you did not go on to ask why this certainty is lacking. Schools are bound to reflect, to of certainty and

some extent, the society which sustains them; it is that society which is unclear about the function of schools: some cry for more science and technology, some want only what can be measured, some want schools to impose the discipline lacking at home, some see schools as instruments of social engineering or as the spearhead of an attack on capitalism and consumerism;

Morocco and the Sahara

From the Ambassador of Morocco Sir, I have read with great interest your leading article "Morocco's own part in the Sahara" (April 14), and have been surprised by the biased parallel that you have drawn between this matter and those of between this matter and those of Zaire and the Benin.

First of all, I would like to clarify a point: Morocco has not annexed the Sahara. Morocco has recuperated it from Spain once the Inter-national Court of Justice recognized its right and following an inter-

its right and following an inter-national tripartite agreement be-tween Morocco, Spain and Mauritania.

This agreement was approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations. Since then, the Sahara has been an integral part of the Moroc-

can Kingdom.
Your article mentions Algeria's own part in the Sahara allowing the Polisario to use its territories as a base and supplying it with military and diplomatic support. This is definitely an act of aggression against the territorial integrity of Morocco and I thank you for underlying it

Morocco's initiative in Zaire was

its own right as you put it.

It is a fact that the Sahara and the Zaire problems are similar, since the territorial integrity of a country has been threatened in both cases. And Morocco is proud both cases. And Morocco is proud to show its concern and engage in the struggle to safeguard the territorial integrity of an African country each time its security is threatened. It has always been a constant policy of Morocco, be it in the Sahara, in the Congo in the 1960s, in Nigeria or in Zaire today. As for the "Raid on Benin", the

not meant to "buy" the support for

affair was often qualified by your own newspaper as dark and mysterious. However, you have intentionally ignored all the declarations made by Morocco to international organizations explaining that it had

organizations explaining that it had nothing to do with it.

It goes for the "prestige" of your newspaper and the respect of its readers that all sides of the arguments be faithfully exposed and explained. Yours faithfully,

BADREDDINE SENOUSSI, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco. Royal Moroccan Embassy, 49 Queen's Gate Gardens, SW7.

Special Constabulary From the Chief Commandant Metro-politan Special Constabulary

Sir, In reporting the publication of the Home Office Working Party on the Special Constabulary, you have the Special Constabulary, you have I fear given an inaccurate picture. You say that "Special Constabulary Officers in England and Wales should wear uniforms similar to those of the full time police" and go on to say "that they would have diced cap bands and, apart from the position of their distinctive badges of rank, they would, at first sight, appear to be members of the regular force". The truth is that the present uniform worn by the Special Constabulary is similar to that worn by the regular police with the exception that we do not at the moment have the diced cap band. With the recommendation that the badges of rank should be changed there is no question that at first or there is no question that at first or even second sight Special Constables would appear to be members of the regular force only in as far that, if implemented, the diced cap band would be worn. As far as insignia is

take orders from members of the Special Constabulary". This indicates that this is a new departure whereas this has always been the case and the senior regular officer on duty is always the officer

officer on duty is always the officer in charge regardless of the rank of the special constabulary officer doing the same duty.

As a member of the Working Party I feel it is important that these particular points should be clarified. At the same time I would also make it clear that it is for the Commissioner of the Metropolis to make his decision on the implementation of the findings of the Working Party as far as it affects the Metropolitan Force.

Party as far as it affects the Metropolitan Force.

Whilst I have at the moment over
2,000 specials in Loudon there is a
need for more and I hope that the
interest created by the Working
Party Report will bring into our
ranks those public spirited citizens
of London who wish to help an over
stretched regular force. I should be
happy to forward details to
interested applicants. Details can
also be obtained from any police also be obtained from any police station throughout the country. Yours faithfully,

A. A. HAMMOND, Chief Commandant, Metropolitan Special Constabulary, New Scotland Yard, Broadway, SW1, April 13,

The elderly and rail travel

From General Sir Frank Simpson Sir, May I support the views of Lord Clark in his letter (April 15) Lord Clark in his letter (April 15) on the difficulties of elderly people with their baggage when travelling by train? I am (age 78) one of them and I also have a post-coronary condition which makes it inadvisable for me to lift a suit-

I too find that on arriving in London (Paddington) there are few porters. The few trolleys are either snapped up by the younger people more agile in alighting or being used by the few porters. I have been to the Isle of Wight for convalcacence four times in the last three years. At Southampton I have found a porter after much allow but the last one seemed converged to the last one seemed to the l delay, but the last one seemed so aged that he would not even ageu that he would not even attempt to lift a suitcase. At Portsmouth Harbour, where I hoped conditions would be better, I was informed firmly that there were no porters by a senior official who then kindly hunted out a rrolley for me. Certainly at all three of these stations, and at Bath, the rail way staff do their best to help, and

seem not to like the situation.

Lord Clark does not suggest a solution. I too hesitate to ask British Rail, with all its current difficulties, to provide extra porters for the likes of us. But may it not be that an invasingtive but quite be that an imaginative but quite minor redeployment of manpower resources aud/or provision of extra trolleys would meet the most urgent needs? In France and Switzerland the larger stations have

Switzerland the larger stations nave red cap porters who shift buggage on a prescribed turiff (admittedly quite expensive). Surely Lord Clark is not right in feeling that the majority of people over 75 are prepared to accept a philosophy of not moving about. Most of them do want to travel for whatever reason and British Reil is good enough to encourage this by is good enough to encourage this by its wise provision of the Senior Citizens' Railcard. I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

FRANK SIMPSON, Northfield Close, Bath. April 16.

From Mr G. Graham Sir, May an octogenarian, crippled with arthritis so that I cannot carry bag, presume to suggest to Lord Clark bow to travel?

If I have to change trains any where I write beforehand to ask for a porter to be on the look out for me. They have never failed. I now have various porter friends who take me up in the luggage lift and generally look after me till I am in the train. Quite frequently they refuse a tip. (This is particularly true of coloured men.)

true of coloured men.)
On one or two occusions when I
have arrived at Paddington without
doing this. I have always been
helped and usually by a hippy type

of young man.
I would suggest to Lord Clark that it is much better to travel 2nd class. Business executives in the 1st usually seem to be either asleepor immersed in papers so they do not notice you struggling to get not notice you struggling to get something down from the rack. My experience of young people in the 2nd class is that they are quiteextraordinarily kind and considerate

to the old. Yours faithfully, G, GRAHAM, Crooked Gate, Brigsteer, Kendal.

April 16. From Mr Robert Mason Sir, I am in the same age group as

Lord Clark and like him I travel agreat deal by train and was there-fore much interested in his letter (April 15), about his problems with his luggage at railway stations. I am happy to be able to offer him a solution.

Many elderly people, including presumably Lord Clark, find it hard to change habits of a lifetime and take heavy luggage such as leather-suit-cases which even when empty are heavy to carry, and too much, of it containing too many changes of it, containing too many changes of clothes, often of heavy material, and accessories.

The answer is light-weight luggage

and very little of it. I suggest to Lord Clark that before setting out he should sift through the items he proposes to take and leave out all those not absolutely necessary, then put what remains in a canvas or similar bag which he can carry in one hand, leaving the other free for his umbrella and The Times.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MASON, 44 Sussex Square,

John Evelyn's library

Brighton.

From Dr J. F. A. Mason Sir, The answer to the point raised by Mr R. E. Maddison (April 12) is that John Evelyn did make manuscript notes in some of his books.

Yours faithfully, J. F. A. MASON, Librarian of Christ Church, Christ Church,

Oxford. April 16.

Price of eternal life From Mr P. V. Jones

Sir. Mr Jone: should be warned that killers stalk the pages of The Times almost daily (Letters, April 9). On Tuesday, Mr Bevan informed us all that the alternatives for our society are "socialism or the annihilation of mankind itself"; on annihilation of mankind itself, on wednesday a booklet on sex education argued that sex outside marriage is destroying civilisation; and a recent British Medical Journal warned that there was a significant correlation between earing correlates at breakfast and the onser of Crohn's disease. So as well as avoiding sugar milktops. well as avoiding sugar, milktops, smoking and poly-whatsit butter, the prudent man will also vote Labour, remain faithful to his wife and eat his cornflakes at lunchtime. This seems a high price to pay for eternal life. Yours faithfully. PETER V. JONES, 38 Mawson Road.

. I. Golde

The florium cycle does not necessarily depend upon the use of plutchum which now has undervourable emotive connotations. The ability to breed more nuclear fuel from fertile materials like uranium 23 and thorium is necessary to assut our long term energy supplies. Plonium, which is a by-product of uranium dermal reactors can novide a self-sistaining breeder adastry but it must use a fast reator. Thorium can be converted in reactor to fissile uransum 233. Lis has more favourable neutronic roperties than any other fissile fue such as uranium 235 or plutonium and, as a result can provide self-ustaining breeder industry with themal reactor sys-tems like the high temperature reactor. It can elso produce more power from the sale amount of than plutonium fast reactor. Development work of this concept is proceeding in the inited States. In Britain, the DRAON reactor at Winfrith Heath toyides the basis for investigations are thorium

reactor fuels and techniogy. The International Atomic Energy Agency published a report on the Utilisation of Torium in Power Reactors in 1966, the sum-

mary report and recommendations clearly identify that, in the long run, thermal breeders using run, thermal breeders using thorium are an astractive alternative to the fast breeder line of development. President Carter's seven point pan includes for a restructuring of the United States breeder reactor programme to give greater priority to alternative de-

signs-Yours faithfully J. G. FLINN, 19 Ashfield Ros Stoneygate, Leicester. April 14.

Disturbed adolescents

From the Headmaster of Eltham Green School Sir, There was an aresting statement at the conclusion of your April 13 report on disturbed adolescents. I report on ensurvey anotescents. I refer to the judgmen of Miss J. A. Simpson of Haklney social services that the difficulty facing institutions which have disturbed children on roll is that they are geared to the needs of host of the abildren in them children in them.

While there seemed to a hint of criticism that it should be so, I suspect that most pecule would expect it. But it is becoming less expect it. But it is becoming less and less so. There are approaching 2,000 children in this school, but I would estimate that as much as half any time is given in most weeks to the needs of those few-certainly less than 50 in number—whose estitude threatens to bring the learning process to a hall in any

class where they appear.

It is not the case, as your report suggests, that the minority who disturb the smooth running of schools are not being coped with. The neglected children, like the neglec-ted majority in adult society, are those who behave themselves and get on with the job. The share of attention and resources they receive is far less than they deserve. Never has so much been done for so few at the expense of so many. Yours faithfully. PETER DAWSON.

Elthem Green School, Queenscroft Road, SE9.

April 14.

By Liuon Mallabeu
A page of a letter written by
Galileo Gablei in 1012 announcing
bis discovery of sunspots was sold
for \$17,500 testimate £15,000 to

\$20,000) at Sotheby's yesterday. It was a world auction record for

The letter, which was bought by

Breslauer of New York, was written to an unidentified correspondent and related to one of the astronomer's discoveries that carned an admonition from

the Pope.

A letter from Prancois de

Malherbe made £3,000 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000), and the autograph drafts of two letters by Machlavelli £2,000 (estimate £3,500 to £5,000).

The sale, the first of two days

Galileo letter on discovery of sunspots



COURT CIRCULAR -

WINDSOR CASTLE April 18: The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow, this evening attended the Council of Engineering Institutions' Fellowship of Engineering Dinner for New Fellows at Apothecaries Hall, City

Mr Richard Davies was in The Prince of Wales was this

evening entertained at dinner by the Prime Minister (the Right Hon James Callaghan, MP) at Chequers.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Royal Ballet, this evening attended a Ballet Promenade Performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and pre-sented the 1976 Evening Standord Award for Bailet to Miss Lynn

The Hon Mrs Wills was in THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 18: Princess Alexandra,
accompanied by the Hon Angus
Ogiley, today named cs Cable Venture, the larest addition to the
fleet of Cable and Wireless
Limited, at the Humber Graving
Dock, Immingham, Humberside.
Her Royal Highness and the Hon
Angus Ogilyv travelled in an airngus Oglivy travelled in an air-aft of The Queen's Flight. The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh has con-sented to become patron of the newly formed Friends of the Royal Academy.

A reception will be held at the wedish Ambassador's residence, 27 Portland Place, on Friday, April 29, at 12-1.30 pm, to celebrate the birthday of the King of Sweden (April 30). Invitation cards will be issued to Swedish actionals resident in Britain after application in writing to the Swedish Embassy, 23 North Row, London, WIR 2DN.

A memorial service for Viscountess Gough will be held today at 11.00 am at St Luke's with Holy Trinity.

Charlton, London SE7. A memorial service for Mrs Cecil Woodham Smith will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, Lon-con, W1, on Friday, April 29, Con, W1, on 1 1977, at noon.

Birthdays today Sir Andrew Glichrist, 67.; Sir Edward Lewis, 77; Miss Gladys Mitchell, 76: Lord Pilkington, 72; Baroness Summerskill, CH, 76; Ar Herbert Wilcox, 87; Lleutenaut-General Str John Woodall, 80.

Today's engagements Lecture: Rev David Brindley:
"The Problem of the Resurrection". Christian Study Centre,
St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap.

1.10. The High Commissioner for New Zealand opens exhibition of New Zealand stamps, Gibbons Gallery, 399 Strand, 12. Exhibition: "The Roff Harris Picture Show", Kodak Photographic Gallery, 246 High Holborn 29.5

of War Association dinner at Dunster House, London.

17: The Oueen and the Duke of Edinburgh altond a service of thanks awing in Clasgow Cathedrai: Clytchall in the Clasgow Cathedrai: Clytchall in the Clasgow Cathedrai: Clytchall in the Clasgow Cathedrai: Chicagow in the Clasgow in the Prince of Wales visits the false of Sully and Appledore, Camouth and Lavisor's, The Oueen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Cumbernauld and String: The Prince of Wales visits Cumbrai: Princess Anno opens "The Lyndon Experience" in Piccadilly Circus; Princess Anno presents awards at Hand Craits Advisory Association's eshibition at Friends House, Eustion Road Phillips attend Royal Academy annual dispare.

13: The Oueen and the Duke of

The following engagements for May have been announced by Buckingham Palace:

Buckingham Palace:

1: The Princo of Wales atlends concert at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in aso with Queen's Silver Jubilee Apneal.

7: The Queen, accompanied by the Puke of Edinburgh, launch HMS invincible at Barrow-in-Funces.

4: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, receives addresses from both Houses of Parliament the Wostminster Hall. The Queen's Bliver Jubilee Appeal, opens exhibition of Parliament the Sreaker. The Prince of Wales, as chalman of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, opens exhibition of paintings by Sir Winston Churchill at M. knoedler and Co. 143 New Bond Street, London.

5: The Duke of Edinburgh attends Citle Constables Chub dinner at the Savoy botol.

6: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attends G: The Queen and the Duke of Edin-

notes.
Queen and the Duke of Edin-visit police at the Peel Centre,

Queen and the Duke of Edm-review parade of Silver Chost ayee cars at Windsor Castle. a Duke, as president of the I Playing Fields Association, exhibition, "Sporting trophics

National Playing Fields Association, opens enhibition. "Sporting trophics of the world" at Barkers, Kensington; The Ditte, as president of the Zaclogical Society of London, takes that at annual general meeting: The Queen and the Duke give diamer party at Suckingham Palarce for delegates to the ministerial council meeting of Nato; Princess Anne, opens West of England andique dealers fair in Bath. 18: The Queen and the Duiz of Edinburgh altond Royal Mortkultural Society's Chelses Show: The Duke sitends Royal Air Force's Ex-Prisoner

The Summer Term, begins at

Harrow today. There are 762

boys in the school this term.

G. H. A. Robinson (West Acre) is head of the school and R. M. Tindall (Moretous) is captain of

cricket. King Lear will be performed in speech room on May

20 and 21. Governors' Speech Day will be on May 26 and Speech Day on June 2. The half-term exeat will extend from 6.30 pm on Speech Day until 9.00 pm on

Wednesday, June S. Association Day will be on Saturday, July

2, and term will end on Saturday.

July 9. The Eton v Harrow match will take place at Lord's on

Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and

The Summer Term at Malvern

College begins today. A. D. McL.

Barcley is senior chapel prefect and J. M. M. Charlesworth junior

chapel prefect. A silver jubilee

concert will take place on June 3

and the exeat is from June 4

until June 8. Commemoration will

the Bishop of Gloucester and the

speaker will be the new chairman

of the Malvern College Council.

Mr Justice Stephen Brown, QC.

The hundredth Sammer Term

begins today. The Prince of Wales

tonour mounted by the RN and

the new swimming bath and

The annual inspection of the

Malvern College

Harrow School

Royal engagements

Forthcomicg marriages

Mr P. E. D. Birchall The engagement is announced between Piers Edward Dearmon Birchall, of Rectory Farm, Duntis-Birchall, of Rectory Farm. Dubbs-hourne Abbots. Circucester, Gloucestershire, son of Major P. D. Birchall and the late Mrs Birchall, and Barbara Maitland (Muffie). daughter of the late Mr and Mrs E. L. Black, of Hendre Uchaf, Abergele.

Mr C. Blake and Mas C. M. Mann The engagement is aumounced between Christopher Blake of 47 Woodville Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Christine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Mann, of 193 Leamington Road.

Air C R. B. Cox

and Miss B. J. Sheepshanks The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Cox, of Gourdie, Murthly, Perthshire, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Sheepshanks, of Arthing-ton Hall, Arthington, Yorkshire.

Mr D. B. Gillespie

Coventry.

and Miss E. M. Hay The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Gillespic, of Mellow House, Norfolk Road, Littlehampton, Sussex, and Elizabeth, daughter of Major and Mrs J. M. Hay, of Edinglassie, Hundy, Aberdeen-

of Cheam, Surrey.

and Miss R. M. Metcalie The engagement is announced hetween Dr Nathaniel Grew, DVM, of San José, Costa Rica, son of Mr and Mrs J. Grew, of Allen, South Carolinu, and Woodstock, Vermont, United States, and Rosamond Marguerite, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. W. Metcalie, of Chean, Surret

Lientenant D. B. Habersbon, RN, and Miss E. J. Mason am Miss E. J. Mason
The engagement is announced between David, second son of Commander P. W. Habershon, RN, and Mrs Habershon, of Coleford, Bath, and Elizabeth, daughter of Captain I. G. Mason, RN, and Mrs Mason, of Alverstoke, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr M. F. Charters

Mr M. J. Goldsmith and Miss E. A. Carey and Miss B. A. Carey
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 16, at St Mary's
Church, Fairford, Gloucestershire,
of Mr Michael John Goldsmith,
son of Mr and Mrs L. R. Goldsmith, of The Langet, Painswick,
Gloucestershire, and Miss Elizabeth Anne Carey, daughter of Mr
and Mrs H. L. StG. Carey, of
Fairford House, Fairford. The Rev
Douglas Beh-Richards officiated
assisted by the Rev John Lugg.
The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, was
attended by Tessa Bennett, Claudia
and Cressida Shaffer and Pamela
Goldsmith. Mr Martin Goldsmith,
brother of the bridegroom, was
best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Dr A. J. Gordon and Mrs O. Hewitt

best man.

The marriage took place in London on Friday, April 15, 1977, between Dr Alistair John Gordon and Mrs Olivia Hewitt.

hilling attend Royal Academy annual injure.

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Cisile.

24: The Ouern, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens Church of Scotland General Assembly. Visits Craigmiller taholigred warkshop for the blind and the Jack Kane Constitutily Control at the Control of t

Combined Cadet Force will be carried out on May 27 by Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford (OK). The centenary celebrations

(OK). The centenary celebrations will take place on June 3 and 4, when the programme will include a commemoration service, at which the preschen will be the Right Rev Mervyd Stockwood (OK). Bishop of Southwark; prizegiving, when the prizes will be presented by the Fig2 Officer, Plymouth; performances of a pageant 1877

performances of a pageart, 1877 and All That; the 1st XI v the Old Kellelans in period dress; and a commemoration ball.

The Summer Term began yester-day. Paul Schiesinger is sendor prefect, Paul Crawley is caprain of cricket and David Middleton is

captain of lawn tennis. The Cran-

eagrain of lawn tennis. The Cran-leigh dinner is on May 7 and Speech Day/O.C. day is on June 4. There is on enhibition of sculptures by Mr Enzo Plazzotia from May 7 to July 9: Term ends on July 9.

The Summer Term at St Edward's

The Summer Term at St Edward's School starts today. The new art school will be opened by Mr David Piper, curator of the Ashmolean Museum, on June 2 and Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader will give the prizes at Gaudy on June 4. The Special Gaudy for those who were at the school between 1962 and 1967 will be on Subriday, June 25, and the school

Saturday, June 25, and the school lete is on June 26. Term cads on July 9.

The Summer Term starts today. Founder's Day will be on Saturday. June 4. when the prizes will be presented by Dr A. G. Ogston, president of Trinity College. Oxford, He will also open formally the new much release.

the new music school. The mid-summer concert will be on Satur-day, June 11. Term ends on Friday, July 8, and the old boys' duner will be held at the college on that evening.

Epsom College

St Edward's School

Cranleigh School

Cappoquin, co Waterford, Republic of Ireland, and Corinne, elder daughter of Chevalier and Mine Jean Everard de Harzir, of Waroux, Alleur, near Liège, Bel-

Mr J. C. Keane and Miss C. Everard de Harzir

The engagement is aunounced between John Charles, elder son of Sir Richard and Lady Keane, of

on April 15, between Licutenant-Colonel Jim Hamersley, of Peters-field, and Mrs I. Gange, of Hartlcy Winmey.

Mr G. J. Hamilton and Miss V. M. Hart

Air G. D. Rardie and Aliss A. E. Kergan

Mr D. C. Johnson and Miss A. E. Kert

Clorelly, Devon.

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant G. J.

Hamilton, Green Howards, son o

the late Mr G. J. Hamilton and of Mrs H. W. Greenwood, of harrogate, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Hart, of Henley-on-Thames.

The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Graeme Douglas, son of hir and hirs Bonar G. Hardie, The Clock House, Auchendeunan, Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, and Alison Elizabeth, younger doughter of Mr and Mrs James L. Kergan, Dhuhill House, Dinnill Drive, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

The engagement is announced between David Charles, younger son of Captain C. J. A. Johnson, RN (ret), and Mrs Johnson, of Landfall. Instow, Devon, and Alexandra Erskine, daughter of Captain M. W. Fran RN (ret).

Captoin M. W. B. Kerr, RN (ret), and Mrs Kerc, of Hugglepit Farm,

Mr D. M. Joseph and Miss C. L. Humphery-Smith

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr.

and Mrs Brian Joseph, of Bristol, and Catherine, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil R. Humphery

Smith, of Alcroft Grange, Canter-

The engagement is adnounced between Chris, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Barry Taylor, of 37 Gliston Road, Swill, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Cooper, of Kingston upon Thames.

Mr C. J. C. Taylor and Miss C. M. C. Cooper

and Mrs S. A. Coonam
The marriage took place quietly on
Tuesday, April 12, in St George's
Chapel, Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Stua, Fijl, of Mr Murray Charters
and Mrs Shirley Cobham. The
Eishop in Polynesia. the Right
Rev Jabez Bryce, officiated.

Mr P. T. E. Massey
and Miss D. M. Drummond
The marriage took place on
day at the Church of St Law
Petersfield, between Mr Pet
Tatton Eyre Massey, secon
of Lleurenant-Colonel and The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Lawrence. Petersfield, between Mr Peregrine Tatton Eyre Massey, second son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs

or Lieurenant-Colonel and Mrs Patrick Massey, of Arawai House, Liss, Hampshire, and Miss Deirdre Mary Drummond, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Spencer Drummond, of High Orchard, Petersfield, Hampshire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of cream shantung silk edged in guipure lace and carried a bouquet of orchids. Illies-of-the-valley and of orchids, lilies-of-the-valley and freesias. She was attended by Miss Ianthe Drummond, Miss Relena Drummond and Miss Hilary Gresty. Mr William Massey A reception was held at High Orchard and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C. K. Talienis and Miss J. Berger The marriage took place in New York on Sunday of Air Charles Tallents and Miss Jane Berger.

Mr N. E. C. Talbot-Ponsonby and Miss R. H. Bruce

Exhibition: "The Rolf Harris Picture Show", Kodak Photographic Gallery, 246 High Holborn, 9—5.
Festival for Mind and Body exhibition, Olympia, 1—9.
Walk: Discovering London, Covent Garden, meet Embankment Underground station, 7-30.

The Rolf Harris on Friday, April 15, 1977, between Dr Alistair John Gordon and Mrs The marriage took place on Saturday, April 16, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Alrestord, Hampshire, of Mr Nigel Edward Charles Talbot-Pousonby, only and Mrs I. Gange

The marriage took place quietly of Langrish, Petersfield, Hampshire, and of Mrs M. L. Talbot-Pousonby, of Langrish, Petersfield, Hampshire, and of Mrs M. L. Talbot-Pousonby. atlend general assembly, civic lunch and pageant of Scottlish youth, Mezdowburth, Stadium. The Duke, as grand cresident, attends reception at Edunation Castle for delegate reception at Edunation of Castle for delegate, assembly the princes Anne opens Buckinghamshire lubilice exhibition at Asion Cinten.

26: The Queen accompanied by the Duke of Edunurgh, receives organization of loval addresses at Holyroodhouse and strending building assembly and tree Church of Scotland general assembly, sarden party at holyroodrouse and screenade in forecount of Holyroodrouse.

27: The Duke of Edunurgh presents 1977 Design Council awards and Duke of Edunurgh, assembly control assembly, sarden party at holyroodrouse and screenade in forecount of Holyroodrouse.

Launourgn's designers, price in Inverness.

28: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh altend gata variety performance in Home Park, it indsor, the Duke of Edinburnh attend gate neriormance at Rysal mera House Corecui Gardee; Publishers and John States, thends Trially House, annual court at Trially House, church sorwho at St Olave's Church and Junch with elder brethren at Irially House.

Spassky lead in

After 15 games, Spassky now leads with eight points to seven. The final game will be played tomorrow.—Reuter.

gathered near California shores

may be affected by the tendency

of young animals to cluster among

the protective spines of the adults. Describing the so-called nursery

association, two scientists from the

Scripps Institution of Oceanog-raphy in San Diego suggest that

commercial exploitation of some populations may decrease their re-productive potential.

Sea urchins have previously been harvested in Mediterranean countries as a source of food. Exploitation in Southern California began in 1970 and involves only the species Strong-locentratus

the species Strong locentrotus franciscalus, Another species, Strong locentrotus purpuratus, which is equally abundant in the same rocky areas and feeds on the

of reproduction and development. The commercial enterprise has not yet extended to that species, how-

Dr M. J. Tenner and Dr P. K. Dayton have studied the way in

which stocks of the two species

are replenished. Sea urchins, in

common with startish and related animals, shed their eggs and

world chess

Chancery and Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor. Ponsonby, of Vancouver, Canada, and Miss Robina Helen Bruce, eldest deugitter of Licutenant-Commander and Mrs R. V. Bruce,

of Barley Down House, Alresford, Hampshire. The bride's uncle, the Rev F. B. Bruce, officiated, assisted by Cauon G. E. Beechey and the Rev A. Talbot-Ponsonby. The bride, who was given in marriage by her fother, was sittended by her sister, Lucinota Bruce, and by Bridget Mackintosh, Zepherine Campbell, Tarria Bruce, John Mackintosh and Daniel Talbot-Ponsonby, Mr Tom Bartlam

was best man.

A reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon

is being spent abroad. Mr R. F. d'Anyers Willis

Mr R. F. G'Anyers Willis
and Miss V. J. Betry
The marriage took place on
Friday, April 15. at Chelsea Old
Church between Mr Roderack
d'Anyers Willis, elder son of Mr
and Mrs G. d'Anyers Willis, of
Higham, Suffork, and Miss Victuria Berry, daughter of Mr and
Mrs Anthony Berry, of Cheyne
Row, SW3. The Rev C. E.
Leighton Thomson officiated Leighton Thomson officiated, assisted by the Rev Robert

assisted by the key kobert Dampier.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma and Clare Green, Elizabeth Rudd, Emma Michell, Natasha Gordon, Thomas Westfeldt and Sebastian d'Anyers Willis, Mr Plers d'Anyers Willis, brother of the bridegroom, was best man

best man.

A reception was held at the Vintners' Hall, EC4, and the honeymoon is being spent in France.

Latest wills

Large bequests to help the deaf

Mr James Herbert Painter, o Mr James Herbert Painter, of Burnham, Buckinglianshire, Jeft E80,492 net. After bequests totaling £1,550 he left a quarter of the residue to the Royal National Institute for the Dear's Larchmoor Special School, Stoke Poges, two fifths to the RNID for general purposes, and seven twentieths for the upkeep of Burnham parish church. church. Miss Ada Alderman, of Peter

miss Aua Adderman, of Peter-borough, left £66,468 ner. She left her home and land and all con-tents to her executor, Mr Ebenezer Bruce, "for as long as he requires and to look after my cats." Sir George Beresford Craddock, of

Battle, East Sussex, Conservative MP for the Spelthorne division of Middlesex, 1950-70, left £68,840 Miss Mary Cecilia Liddiatt, of St

and further with these sections at the tribity House.

31: Princess Anne oness civic centre in the Raval Borough of Kensinglan and Greiker: the Prince of Wates, at streatent, visits Roval Eath and West blow; the Duke of Leinburgh, as president of the Include of Authorities and the hoppications, and the princess of the princes of the Parket of the Parket of Edinburgh, as punctury fellowship at Buckinghap on Pulacet. The Daile of Edinburgh, as maker, attends and versury danier to the Younger Brethren at Tribity Heuse, princess anno and Carlan Clark Paillings ariend the baster's recention of the Farrier's Comuzny, at Si John's Wood Barracks, London. Andrew, Bristol. left £32,672 net. After personal bequests she left the residue to the Royal Nursing Association, Mr Iau MacDonald Main, of Folke Mr Iau MacDonald Main, of Folke-stone, Kent, left 596,060 net. After bequests totalling £23,750 he left the residue equally between Dr Barnardo's, the Salvation Army, the Church Army, and the National Playing Fields Association. Mrs Dorothy Walmsley, of Winton, Bournemouth, left £50,923 net. She left her property equally be-tween the Cancer Research Cam-paign and British Heart Founda-tion.

Royk Javik... April 18.—Borls Spassky. the Soviet Grandmaster, last night took the lead in a quarter-final game of the world chess championship, winning by default as Vlastimil Hort, the Czechosłovak grandmaster, failed to complete his move in the allotted time. Other estates include (net. before other estates include (net. hefore duty paid; duty not distlosed):
Eronner. Mr Daniel. of Henley.
on-Thames, Oxfordshire \$\frac{108.318}{245.057}\$
Waters. Mrs Gertride, of Fovant.
Wiltshire ... £245,057

Science report

Zoology: Sea urchins seek protection

sperm into the sea, where fertili-zation takes place. A tiny larva develops and swims to a suitable

surface on which it settles to metamorphose into an adult. Ex-amination of the rocks, seawed

and full-grown sea urchins on the seabed about two kilometres off-shore showed that most S. iran-

snore snowed that most S. fran-cisconus had settled underneath adults of the same species. They were found among the spines that raise the adults slightly from the ground. S. purpuratus, on the other hand, was less particular, and Juveniles were equally likely to have socied under receiver.

to have seriled under rocks or on seawerd as under other sea

The nursery association appar-

ently lasts until the juveniles are

too large to fit among the spines.

The advantages to the juveniles

gain protection from predators.

Dr Tegner and Dr Dayton think

that the juveriles of S. froncis-carus seek out the adults. A small reef was cleared of all adults of that species in August, 1975.

leaving plents of S. purpurans.

Four months later there were 10

juveniles of S. franciscenus in the

urchins.

same seaweed, is much favoured. The advantages to the juveniles by scientists, who long ago found seem to be that they have access it very convenient for the study to the food of the adult and they

single piece of German furniture, 505,000 for the rococo Saxon blue-luquered burcau cabinet modelled by J. G. Borlach and laquered by Christian Reinow, of Dresden. It was bought by a private German collector and forms a pair with a cabinet in the Museum fur Kunsthandwerk. Dresden.

handwerk, Dresden.

A George III marquetry commode with a serpentine scapical top, possibly the work of Pierro Langlois, went to Chain Libraries for £3.000 (estimate £5,000 to £10.630), but a walnut longcase clock by George Graham of Londou, which was bought by R. A. Lee, was perhaps disappointing at £6,500 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

A Louis XV kingwood parquetry commode sold for £5,000 (estimate £6,000 to £3,000). The total for the day was £32,766.

In London Chrisne's sold Chinhandwerk, Dresden.

sold at Sotheby's for record £17,500 Henfield. West Sussex, the home \$159,163 with 6 per cent bought of the late Prince Littler, produced an auction record for a higher reaches of the sule was archymous, and a large pair of will modelled glazed buff pottery fructs of Bectrien cemels of the Trang dynasty brong. of £23,000 (estimate \$7,000 to £12,000). single piece of German furniture,

A twelfth-century Korean cela-den mei p'ing, a bread-shouldered, ne-rew-necked vase, fellowed at 116.000, well above its estimate of £2,500 to £4,000. Another Tang buff pottery figure, a stallion, sold well despute restoration to the logs, ears and base, making \$11,500 (estimate £6,000 to £10,000).

Phillips sold furniture and works of act for £43,570, with 2 per cent bought in. A late-eighteenthdevoted to Continental and Russian autograph letters, literary manuscripts and historical documents, brought £50,696, with just over 8 per cent unsold.

The first day of Christie's sale of the contents of Chestham Park,



Mr John Bourne (right) with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwyn-Jones, on taking up his appointment yesterday as Clerk of the Crown in

Better selection process

for film award urged By Kenneth Gosling
Nominations for the Grierson a group of sponsored film critics.
Award, one of Europe's most the Grierson Memorial Trust and sought-after prizes for short films, are to be encouraged from film panel.

schools after a statement from the panel making the 1976 award that it was not convinced that the films it saw represented the best British "shorts".

The panel, which awarded the prize to Giles Foster's Devices and Desires, urged an improvement in the selection process. the selection process.

The award has been organized

annually for the past four years by the British Federation of film Societies, which also is not con-vinced that all sultable films are being brought to its notice. The selection procedure relies on nominations from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association, the

Miss Jean Young, the federa-ion's secretary, explained: "It tion's secretary, explained: "It was decided when the award was set up that the best procedure for getting a short list was to appoint nominating bodies. Since then the film schools have become more active, but their films do not necessarily come to the attention of these bodies until two or three years after they are made, too late for the purposes of the award."

A nominating body to represent the schools was therefore being considered. being considered.

The panel for the 1976 award described Devices and Desires, one of the most original recent British independent films, as "a worthy winner".

Women sing in papal choir for first time

From Our Correspondent

Rome, April 18
A centuries-old Roman Catholic church tradition was broken yesterday when women sang for the first time in a papal choir. A group of about half a dozen women took part, some as soloists, in the performance of Palestrina's Missa Sine Nomine by the St John Lateran choir in the great St John Lateran Basilica.
The four Papal choirs, the other

The four Papal choirs, the other three being those of St Mary Major and the Vatican's Sistine and Giulia chapels, have been the most rigorous observers of a ban imposed by the Council of Antioch in the year 341 on women taking part in the liturgy.

All choristers were male and usually unmarried—for a period the boy sopranos and altos were castrated to prolong their singing life.

life. The inclusion of women was an experiment by Mgr Laureto Bucci, the St John Lateran choismaster. He is understood to be testing the ground, not so much musically as their performance was excellent, but to see whether the church authorities are rendy to accept the idea of women in their most important choirs.

Dinners

Prime Minister The Prince of Wales attended a dinner given by the Prince Minister vesterday evening at Chequers. The other guests were:

'Ar Michael Fool, MP, Mr Denis
Hentey, 'AP, Mr Eric Varloy, MP, Mr
Roy Alasam, MP, Mr Roy Hattersley,
'II', Squadron Inader David Checketis
and Mr Patrick Wright.

The annual dinner of the Old Berkhamstedians' Association was held in the school on Friday, April 15. A short service was held in chapel, after which sherry was taken in Deans' Hall. 132 memhers attended the dinner in the Old Hall. Mr P. R. Scott, president of the OBA, proposed the health of Berkhamsted School and the headmaster. Mr J. L. Spencer, replied. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Antony Hopkins.

puratus and the other under an adult S. franciscamus that had nigrated to the reef after clear-

Although they are not sure of

the critical size necessary for

adults to harbour juveniles, the

scientists believe that it may be

close to the minimum size taken

commercially. They suggest that

the effects of continuing exploita-

tion on stocks of sea urchins will be determined by the number of

adults left behind or the number that migrate into an area after

If Juveniles are deprived of an essential habitat through the ex-ploitation of adults the numbers

of sea urchins reaching maturity are likely to decrease. It remains to be seen whether there might be a shift in populations,

with S. franciscanus becoming less

numerous than S. purpurata, which is much more flexible in its choice of habitat at the juvenile

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the harvest is taken.

British women's success in **EEC** bridge By a Bridge Correspondent

Great Britain was opposed to Germany in all four series in the opening round of the Common Market bridge teams championship in Ostend. The ladies' team was most successful, winning by 20 to minus four. The juniors were also in good form, winning 15-5 and the mixed team won 11-9. The open team was some-

what disappointing, managing no better than a 10—10 draw against a less experienced team.

British pairs recovered well in the time ession of the mixed pairs championship, the curtainraiser event. The Belgians recovered even better to take first and third places. Leading scores were:

Mrs Cypres and Polet (Belgium) 4,067: 4, Mrs Cuzzi and Denna (Tiely) John S. Ched and Denna "light" of the state of the state

Other British placings: 10, Miss Brunner and Kirby, 5,700; 19, Miss Gardenor and Sianley, 5,608; 25, Mrs Landby and Faulkner, 5,608; 30, Mrs and Mrs 103, 5,41; 55, Mrs Millams and Lawson, 5,409; 55, Mrs Williams and Lawson, 5,409;

Fellowship of Engineering
The Duke of Edinburgh, as Senior
Fellow of the Fellowship of
Engineering, presided last night
at the first dioner for new fellows
hetal at Apothecaries' Hall, City
of London, Lord Hinton of Bankside, president, and other officers
of the fellowship were present
with both founder and new
fellows. Old Berkhamstedians' Association Angle-American Sporting Club

Anglo-American Sporting Club
The Anglo-American Sporting
Club held a boxing dinner evening
yesterday at the Hilton hotel at
which the England cricket team
and the playing staff of Middlesex
County Cricket Club were the
guests of honour. Rear-Admiral
Sir Anthony Miers, VC, patron of
the club. was in the cluar and the
other speakers were Mr Tony other speakers were Mr Tony Greig. Mr Gilbert Gray, Mr George Martin and Mr Kenneth Wolsten-holme, secretary.

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, April 18, 1952

Underwater TV From Our Special Correspondent Tolworth, Surrey, April 17.-With

television confirmed-at first spectacularly by the positive identification of the submarine Affray a year ago when apparatus was hurriedly assembled by Marcon's Wireless Telegraph Company for the Admiralty, and subsequently by laboratory experiments—a great deal of development work has

been done to improve the equip-

ment, and this afternoon the latest

the potential value of underwater

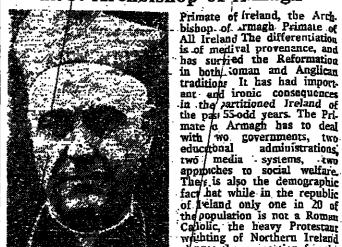
prototype set for operational use in deep waters was seen for the first time in public. Naval attaches and Admiralty representatives were given a demonstration of the new equipment on Tuesday; and the progress that has been achieved in underwater television will be shown to the convention on the British contribution to television on April 29 and 30.

Castle reopening

Inversary Castle, home of the Duke of Argyll, which was badly damaged by fire in November, 1975, is to be reopened to the public on May 9 during Clain

OBITUARÝ

CARDINAL CONWAY R.C. Archbishop of Amagh



William Cardinal Conway, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ali reland, died on Sunday.

Recently he answered a press question with: "Anyone who would like to be Pope at present time must be sold in the head". Just 10 years not without apparent foundaago he was, in the view of some pundits of Rome, definitely Papabile; and reimer friend nor enemy would have called the cardinal from Bel

fast anything but hard-header.
His see was Armagh, but he was born in Belfast in 193 and reared there, in the vey heart of the Carholic gheto, the Falls Road. His early elucation was predictable: Catiolic primary school, and second-ary schooling with the Ciris-tian Brothers, who taught him the Irish language, and a proper regard for his "naional heritage". They also taught him the prescribed curriculum well enough to sessie his with well enough to assist his with scholarships and distinctions to Queea's University, Belfast, where he took a respectable honours BA in English, and where, as he later said, he encountered "the only real difficulties of faith" he ever

The years at Queens proved interval: to be an atypical interval:
they were followed by admission to the National Roman
Carbolic seminary at Maynooth, where he was ordained
to the priesthood in 1937, and
awarded a Do-torate of
Divinity in the following year.
Further studies in the Gregorian University in Rome carned ian University in Rome earned a second doctorate in canon a second doctorate in canon law in 1941. He returned to Ireland, and, after a year's reaching in Belfast, he was appointed to the Maynorth staff, where over the following 15 years he taught moral theology and canon law to the last pre-Vatican II generation of livich clerics. In 1957 he was Irish clerics. In 1957 he was appointed vice-president of the

Seminary.

In 1958 he was made a Bishop. His ritular see was Neve, his actual function that of auxiliary to the ailing Car-dinal D'Alton of Armagh. He accompanied the Cardinal to the first session of the Vatican Council in Rome in 1962, but reland of Pope John's aggiorin the following year he had succeeded him as Archbishop and led his fellow Bishops to of the church.

The second session In Feb. He was a child of the Belfast minster, John Carmel Heerin, close friendship.

The Archbishop of Dubn is Belfast.

MR RIGINALD JEBB

Belloc, whose elder/laughter charges of 1913. he married in 1923. It was the League, which made its mark over a generation. He had served as an infinity officer in the 1914 Wh and had gained the Mikitan Cross.

Ev profession he was a schoolmaster, will tare gift for schoolmaster, wile tare gift for teaching young loys, showing a combination of endless patience and gird temper with an underlying immess which commanded regard and respect. When be chilged his religion the principal of the preparatory school a which he taught assumed the this involved his departure. After his marriage he attempt to found a Cathohe attempted to found a Calho-lic preparatry school, and was entrusted bit the young sors of severaled his father-in-law's many frieds. But there were many tetholic preparatory schools, well established, and many of the larger schools con-

on the editorship of G.K.'s to the sake of its paper rated to a more successful monthly desceptant of The Eye Witness, which he had himself established on leaving Parliament in 1911 He had handed over the editiship of The Eye Witness to Chesterton's younger broker, Cecil, under whom it was renamed The New Witness.

PROFESSOR Y. ZAVADSKY

of the All-Russian Theatre "Socialist-realism" in 1936 he Society, has died in Moscow at lost the post of manger of the de age of 82. Born into an Central Army Theare and was a istocratic family, in 1894, exiled to Rostov, le returned Zavadsky studied at Moscow University, entering Vakhtanrincess Turandot, and created the 1920s, by training such pupils, later to become famous,

Mr Anthony Clarkson, who died on April 17 at the age of Edward VI High School for

rofessor Yuri Zavadsky, pro- and fidelity to his master's fesor of acting at the State style, brought him in conflict Tleatre Institute and chairman with official aestheticogus on to Moscow in 194 as head of the State Academe Mossoviet His most imperant productions, landmark of Soviet

64, was chairman of Reveille Girls, Emingham, 1953-64, has Newspapers 1967-72 and earlier dies smoothy Head of the in his career had been editor of Scienc Denarment, Roedean John Bull; Illustrated and of Schoo and for many years senio house mistress.

traditions It has had important and ironic consequences in the partitioned Ireland of the past 55-odd years. The Primate of Armagh has to deal with wo governments, two educational administrations two media systems, two approaches to social welfare. There is also the demographic fact hat while in the republic of Ireland only one in 20 of the population is not a Roman

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traditions It has had important and ironic consequences the population is not a Roman Callolic, the heavy Protestant withting of Northern Ireland charges the proportion for the isind as a whole to one in for. And quite apart from any ditional or primatial duries the Archbishop of Armagh's orn diocesan responsibility les on both sides of the poli-

ical border. Archbishop Conway's hopes for his country in 1963 were tion. The events of 1963-69 and all that followed has changed the politico-social landscape so drastically and so tragically in the north, that it might be forgotten that the republic has also changed—less obviously, less dramatically but decisively. Apart from the harsh economic climate now prevailing there have been less obvious social and cultural factors which have slowly but surely made the Irisi different.

Not the least of these has been the transformation of public attitudes to religiou and morality, as expressed especially in the media Many thinking Catholics are deeply concerned at what they feel to be the apparent inrejevence of the church's witness and leader-ship in a changing world. Even a new awarene needs at home vad in the developing countries is seen to have come too late and to produce too late, and an admittedly new openness in theology has not succeeded in theology has not succeeded in winning an already alienated intelligensia.

To what exent the late cardinul could fairly be asked to bear the brant of these criticisms is debutable. The Primate of All Ireland presides over the deliberations of the Irish Episcopatonierence — notoriously an orchestra of solvists, but boild, some would say gagged, by a tradition of stone-wallingconsensus.

And the task of primate Conwe can perhaps be seen in bette perspective when it is recalled that the conference included for much of his presideny his formidable brother of Dulin, the legendary John Chrles McQuaide, not the most pagressive of rrimates. It can be said that the late ordinal was mainly response. ardinal was mainly respenble for the establishment in

namento, in so far as the word implies a sensible modernizing

the second session. In February, 1965, he was create we cardinal in the same constory which gave the red hat/o the then Archbishop of Watter who comes from south of the border. There were nice border. There nise with whom he formed a ery children in the family; six survive; two are priests in

Reginald (Rex.) Jest, who Is achieved national notoriety has died at the age of 33 was the only son-in-law of Hisaire ters involved in the Marrant ters involved in the Marconi he married in 1923. It was the Four years later, when Cecil last editor of the fistributis. Chesterian died on active service as a private soldier in France, his brother, Gilbert,

who was deeply devoted to him, took on the editorship of The New Witness. Although it did not presper. Chesterton com-manded a sufficient following for a Distributist philosophy (in brief, that of the small-holding), which he and Bellot preuched, for The New Witness to be re-horn as G.K.'s Weekly. It lasted until Chesterton's death. Belloc, in assuming the editorship, was really prepar-ing the editorial chair for his son-in-law. The name of the paper was changed to The Weekly Review, and Reginal Jebb edited it, with his father in-law's belp, until Bells suffered an incapacitating stree in 1941. Jebb kept the Disi-butist flag flying, and the page contained much good writismany of the larger schools conducted field own, and the venture will not a success.

Whey G. K. Chesterton died in 193/ Belloc agreed to take and the paper was finally old for the sake of its paper ration more successful morthy.

por's Theatre Studio in 1916 as Theatre, a post he retained designer and actor. There he actively until his death. rincess Turandot, and created the unique facial make-ups of theatrical art, iclude Voipune (1932), The paril's Disciple He followed his early acting (1933), The Jaming of the Increases at his own studio. Shrew (1938), Jd, at the Mostic Lermontov's the followed his early studio. Shrew (1938), nu, at the increases at his own studio. Shrew (1938), nu, at the whole founded in 1924, and soviet (Theate, Lermontov's Musquerade 1952), The Merry Musquerade 1952), The Merry (1957), and, Wives of Windsor (1957), and most recent, his own adapta-tion of Crite and Punishment, reticled retersburg Visions as Mordvinov, Plyatt, and Vera Maretskaya, who became his wife. His unorthodox originality

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he held at the end of the term on July 9. The preacter will be Kelly College will visit Kelly to celebrate the centenary of the college on May 17. He will inspect a guard of RM sections of the CCF and unveil a stone to mark the beginning of

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Retail sales figure in first quarter at its lowest level for five years

By Caroline Atkinson
More evidence of this year's
sharp fall in living standards,
caused by rising prices coupled with tough controls on incomes, come yesterday with news of a 2 per cent drop in remit trade in March. The total volume of retail sales in the first quarter of this year was the lowest for

nearly five years. The large decline in March came on top of depressed sales figures in the first two months of the year. The final figures for these months were revised downwards quite sharply from the first estimates. Yesterday's figures for March are still only provisional. The Department of Frade has estimated them on the basis of returns covering about half of the total turnover

Retail trade began to decline again in the middle of last year after a brief rise out of the 1975 trough. Tourist spending, and Christmas and pre-December economic measures shopping kept the fall in the last three months of 1976 to less than 1 per cent.

The squeeze on real incomes which began in those months, and has rightened considerably since then, has now fed through to the shops. The level of sales for the first quarter of this year again in volume terms—was 3 per cent below that in the

Yesterday's figures go some way to explain the build-up of opposition to a third round of pay control. Union members are now feeling the pinch as those in work, as well as the unemployed, are having to cut back spending in real terms. Information on the total level

of consumer spending in the economy, less than half of which is covered by the retail sales figures, is available at present only up to the fourth quarter of last year. A hig drop in the proportion of disposable incomes which is

saved helped to keep up expenditure in that guarter. will be published on Thursday. They are now likely to show a reflecting the depressed

the economy, with more than a onsumption to leave room out called yesterday's figures of the extremely low growth forecast in overall output for the investment necessary to "the investment necessary to on the awarding of the conditional as well as the unconditional and increase exports needed for a balance of payments.

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

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But the suddenness and severity of the drop could be the undoing of this strategy if

the pound.
Mr Jones's weekend remarks showed how easily the pound's new found strength could evaporate on the foreign exchanges. The Bank of England spent an estimated \$60m in sup-port of the pound yesterday morning.

Even without a rapid acceleration of wage demands the out-Preliminary estimates for the look for the economy is gloomy. first three months of this year. Industry is unlikely to expand domestic demand remains so depressed, despite the survey evidence of strong investment intentions. The tax cuts announced in the Budget may go some way to improve prospects. Mr Richard Weir, the direcalways implied a fall in personal tor of the Retail Consortium,

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resistance to shrinking spend-ing power leads to a rejection of stage three followed by a wages explosion, and most immediately damaging, a ruo on

larger but for a drop in machinery, much of which is destined for the North Sea oil-

fields which are now slowing down the rate of investment.

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King & Shaxson 3p to 50p
Pilkington 8p to 307p
Scot & Newcastle3p to 52p
Sectombe Mar 10p to 230p
Senior Eng 2p to 194p
Shell 10p to 490p
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Unilever 8p to 448p
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SDR-S was 1.16254 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.676407.

Commodities: Reuter's index was

Reports, pages 20, 21 and 22

At a time when our exports

began last Thursday when the engineers, who are mostly tooltional tax reliefs, to boost the



Trade Secretary on visit to Tokyo demands removal of trade barriers for British goods

Mr Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister. We have in but in Japan, no. Now, why in Japan, no ?" Mr Dell thumped the lunch table to emphasize his point. The Secretary for Trade went on to point out that the United Kingdom did not insist on an equal trade bal-

ance. "What we say is that, unfortunately, there are not equal opportunities
available in Japan."
Driving his point home. Mr Dell went
on to refuse assertions that Japan had
liberalized its imports of manufactured goods, and the Government's long-standing claims that British exporters had failed to penerrate the Japanese market because they are not competi-

Astounding Japan's otherwise com-placent business world, Mr Dell said : 'I will list certain barriers which operate against our trade. I can list, for example, high tariffs on certain items where we are certainly con-

indicate discriminatory can charges which discriminate against us, as compared to the United States. I can indicate the distribution system here. It appears to work in a way which means that the prices of our competitive products in Japan are very much higher than they are on any other world

In one example, a case was brought to my attention recently in which a product we were attempting to sell in Japan would have been marketed at five times the price at which it was sold in the United Kingdom."

Warning the Japanese Government that it should not underestimate the growing pressures for protectionism for British industries, Mr Dell hinted that the system of free trade could be preserved only if Japan opened up its markets on a reciprocal basis. "Those pressures come widely from influential sources. Our exports to Japan are far

Milan, April 18

Signor Eugenio Cefis, chair-man since 1971 of the troubled Italian chemicals and fibres

group Montedison, tonight re-affirmed his decision to resign,

but persuaded the anual gen-eral meeting here to approve a reshuffled board favourable to

his policies for the group's

A feature of the reshuffle was

the dropping of Signor Giuseppe Ratti, joint managing director, who as the executive respon-

sible for international opera-tions is well known abroad.

This follows the recent de-

parture of Signor Giorgio Corsi,

joint managing director for finance, and Signor Gioacchino

Albanese, personal assistant to

Among those brought in as

vice-presidents are Signor Mario Schimberni, of Montefibre, and Signor Alberto Grandi, hitherto

joint managing director. Signor Cefis agreed to remain as chair-

The meeting approved a rights issue on a nine for 10 basis, to raise 392,200m lire

He said the board would

Imports warning by Mr Dell jolts Japanese concenies. He continued : "Therefore, when we

speak to our people at home who face Japanese competition, we cannot appeal to a large expert trade in Japan as evidence of reciprocity which creates in the United Kingdom employment opportunities to compensate for those

"So far the British Government has resisted these pressures, because we apheld the principle of free trade. We do not wish to be the country that precipitates its collapse. And in this we need Japan's heip."

Mr Dell's forthright statement appears to have joited the Government, which has parried Europe's more dip-lomatic complaints with vague assurarces during the past five years.

Both American and European businessmen in Tokyo applauded Mr Dell's statement. Tonight a British exporter said: "At last someone has said enough is enough."

said enough is enough.

Surplus doubles: Japan's already large
balance of payments surplus doubled to
5940m (about £553m) in March, despite
the recent rise of the yen on foreign
exchange markets, and the Government's official policy of boosting imports to cut their trade surplus. Complaints from trading partners that the
larguest should reflare their economy. Japanese should reflare their economy.
will be renewed after yesterday's trade
figures, which showed the balance for
nade in gods alone at plus \$1,500m.

in the month. A move in that direction came almost immediately with the announcement of a full 1 per cent cut in the Bank of Japan's discount rate, a cut aimed at boosing home demand.

Japan's external position has now swing round from an overall deficit of \$1,770m in the fiscal year ending in March 1976, to a provisional surplus of 53,260m in the year to last month.

tranches when the market was in a condition to absorb it. He

hoped a limited tranche would

be launched soon, to test the

Signor Cefis said that afte

six years as chairman it was time for him to go. He claimed

that his reorganization had brought the group from a state

of near disaster six years ago to one of operational efficiency.

While admitting it still faced problems, he said these depen-

ded on factors extraneous to

management, such as the high cost of money and the con-trolled prices, which affect one-third of the turnover of the Montedison parent company in

group lost 172,000m hre compared to 163,000m in 1975.
Group indebtedness at the of December was 3,162,000m lire,

The rights issue, even if successful, will not enable the group to meer its liabilities and

finance its capital investment. Signor Celis said studies were

under way to raise more funds by disposal of part or all of the group's financial, banking and insurance interests. Some

interesting offers were under examination for the sale of the

group's main bank, Banco

were at an advanced stage for reorganizing the Montedison parent into a holding company.

Signor Ceffs said that plans

market

for Cefis reshuffle

'Pay as you dive' threat to buoyancy in N Sea

Officials of the Treasury, whose hopes for economic recovery rest partly on sumined development of North Sea oil will tomorrow mest representatives of the 1.500 deep-sea divers engaged an one work.

divers' tax problems. Mone than a few divers are threatening en quit the North Sea for other waters unless their gricerunces are satisfactorily answered.

The men, who perform one of the most dangerous sobs in industry and are noted for their strong independent personal-ties, have surfaced in angry moud to take on the Whitehold establishment

Target of their campaign for a better deel is the leband Revenue and the Finance Act (No 2) 1975, which has from April 1 required many self-employed divers to be treated as employees of North Sea operators and, therefore, subjerr to the PAYE system. This has been a blow, for divers who can work for 30

days at ambient pressures and then rest until resdy for their next assignment, and who have an unsocial occupation with a changing basis to their ployment.
They incur travel and other

expenses, which they have been able to offset as self-employed persons in agreement with tax offices. There are bills for equipment and other items.

Further, it is unlikely that many divers can continue m work beyond 35 years of age and their earnings are intended to compensate them for tals fact, as well as the many medi-cul and other bazards of their

Feelings among divers are strong enough for some of them to form the Divers Action Committee, based in Leicester. Mr Malcolm ("Nilth") Tooke, a committee member, says feelings are strong over the taking away of self-employed status.

Divers hove telephoned outlining their intentions to quit Britain for jobs abroad, where tax rules are more lenient and

allowances no problem. According in Mr Tooke: Companies will be faced with having to employ less experienced help, perhaps resulting in a rise in accident rate; and a prolonged development of the North Sea fields."

Contrary to some tigures, many divers appear to earn be-low £12,000 a year, and then only after gaining considerable experience for particular types of work Earnings, none the less, are well above most industrial occupations and can range from £8,000 to £16,000 a year. perhaps some even attaining higher gross figures in a good year with a run of good con-

tracts. It is understood that the Department of Energy is sympathetic to the divers' current auxieties, and itself worried that, after some years of improving the supply of trained divers and the development of safety rules, there could be emigration among these key North Sea personnel.

Maurice Corina

Ford turn for 'differentials' strike | Montedison approval brings Halewood plant to a halt

wide range of products.

From Peter Hazelfiurst
Tokyo, April 18
The Japanese Government was taken
aback today when Mr Dell, the visiting
British Secretary of State for Trade,
cast diplomatic niceties aside and
delivered a searing public attack against
Japan's import restrictions and its lopsided trade balance with the United
Kingdom.

Using the strongest language ever employed by a visiting European minister. Mr. Dell worned Japan that Britain might not continue to resist local demands for protectionism if Japan felled to offer its partners reciprocal measures for trade by opening up its restrictive markets to British exporters.

Mrs Thatcher, the leader of the Con-

servative Party, also alluded to the trade controversy before she left Tokyo last week. She said: "I believe in free trade, but fair trade." The

Labour Minister was more forthright

in a blunt assessment of trading ties between London and Tokyo, Mr Dell claimed that Jagan was not addring to the principles of free trade.

to the principles of free trade.

Brushing aside Japan's arguments that Britain was not competitive, Mr. Dell—who issued a similar warning to Mr. Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, tonight—told journalists and businessmen in Tokyo today that the United Kingdom ran up an enormous sarplus in trade on manufactured goods with other developed industrial countries.

"But in the case of Japan there is

a reluctance to import even if the goods are competitive", he said. "The United Kingdom is competitive over a

"We are competitive in other developed nations of the world. We are

competitive in the developing world

We run an enormous surplus in our trade of manufactured goods.

in his speech today.

All car production came to a All car production came to a standatial at the huge Ford motor plant at Halewood on Merseyside last night, and 8,000 workers in the body making and assembly areas have been laid off indefinitely because of a strike by 1,000 skilled engineers who are demanding gineers who are demanding separate negotiating rights. The strikers are members of

the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and their stoppage will almost certainly face the union leadership with still more embarrassing problems, like those created by the strike of airport maintenance enginers and the recent long and damaging stoppage by Leyalso demanding the right to negotiate separately in an effort to restore their status and pay differentials when phase two ends.

The trouble at Halewood

the management for holding an unauthorized meeting during working hours.

The suspension ended yesterday morning, but the strikers held a mass meeting and decided to continue their stopmanagement spokesman

said that the question of the disciplinary action involving the eight men was "only the tip of the iceberg". The root of the trouble appeared to be of the trouble appeared to be a demand by skilled workers for a strengthening of their representation and some measure of independence in negotiations y at both national and local level.

He said: "Since the un-official walk out by the engineers last Thursday, we have lost production of about 1,200 Escort cars, worth about £2.5m at showroom value. "Now, with the decision to

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nents basis with allowance payments basis with allowance for known recording errors, as

trade figures seasonally adjusted and corrected on a balance of

released by the Department of

Trade:

men, walked out after eight having to lay off the whole of men had been suspended by the day and night shifts in both the management for holding an the body making plant and the car assembly areas, and this will mean production losses of roughly 900 cars a day."

The transmissions department at Halewood which supplies other Ford factories in addition to its own assembly lines, is still operating.

However, the striking engineers at Halewood are calling on skilled workers at other Ford plants to support their action, a move which if it succeeds. could progressively bring all of the company's vehicle assembly operations to a halt.

They are elso seeking official demands, which undoubtedly stem partly from grievances over the erosion of skill dif-ferentials as well as a belief that the skilled groups in the car plants are under represented in Ford's negotiating man only until a replacement is found.

Credit Suisse to basis, to raise \$32,200m me (about £261m) of fresh capital. However, Signor Cefis recognized that the issue would have little chance of success at present, with market share price well below that of the rights take over Italian

Winefood group

Corsico, Italy, April 18.—
Signor Bruio Cicutini, the director general of Winefood

SnA a spirit and food process. SpA, a spirits and food-process-ing concern, said today that Credit Suisse had "effective control" of the company and would take over formal control "when the final details are worked out".

He said that he did not believe this plan would be affected by the recont disclosure by the Swiss bank that its Chiasso branch had suffered losses that could reach \$100m (about £58.5m).

"There has been a lot of stuff in the press in recent days", he said, "but we are not involved."

However, he admitted that some of Winefood's recent financing had come from Ifia Fiduciaria, a Milan financing concern controlled by Credit

Signor Cicuttini said that formal control of Winefood would be given to Credit Suisse in return for having the Swiss bank reorganize the Italian firm's debts.

Budget blanks left by Finance Bill

The 1977 Finance Bill is being published today. It will provide details on a range of subjects including the disposal of BP shares, the allocation of \$100m to the inner cities, more action against tax dodgers and the provider of the state of the shares of the same of th the general switch from direct to indirect taxation.

Because part of the Budget proposals for easing personal taxation are conditional upon a successful outcome to the stage of incomes policy, publi-cation of the Bill will not be able to provide the answers to all post-Budget questions.

IMF plan approved

European Community finance ministers have agreed to sup-port IMF plans to create a special fund to finance balance of payments deficits, Money for the fund will come from Arab oil countries and Western industrial nations on a roughly equal basis.

Wall Street wary With investors warily awaiting President Carter's energy speech Wall Street closed 5

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Britain's monthly trade deficit up to £232m

Britain's deficit on its trade with the rest of the world increased slightly to £232m in March, as imports of oil bounced back from their very low February level. Both exports and imports went up during the month, with

an increase in volume rather than merely an increase in prices, as occurred during much of last year. The stability of the pound since the turn of the year has resulted in changes of unit prices having a smaller impact on the total figures than it did for much of last year.
The March figures show a rather different pattern from the previous two months, which was, overall, a period of stagnation in the volume of exports, concealing some quite sharp declines in particular sectors of manufacturing industry.

During the first quarter, total exports of transport equipment (mostly cars) fell by 6½ per cent in volume terms, while machinery exports were down'2 per cent. Some of the drop in car exports is likely to be made up now that British Leyland is back in production, but prospects for the car industry as a whole do not seem particularly bright worldwide.

How the markets moved

7p to 64p 16p to 205p 4p to 112p 5p to 56p

4p to 694p 8p to 428p 4p to 60p 3p to 100p 8p to 336p

unte of exports increased very sharply in the road transport equipment sector and quite notably in one or two other recent years. fields. Car exports are notorious for the extent to which

they fluctuate, so it would almost certainly be unwise to assume that the corner has at last been turned to high volume growth in exports. The usual warning about one month's figures applies as strongly as ever. The quarterly trends are probably a better indicator of what

is happening on the import side The two factors which remain During the first quarter the total level of imports of finished manufactures, which are the sort of goods where the United Kingdom has to compete if it for its balance of payments over the year are North Sea oil and the surplus on invisibles. The surplus on invisibles is now runding at a steady £220m a wishes to survive in world markets, rose by 31 per cent in volume terms. Even this is an understatement, because it would have been considerably

as potential for important as far as potential for improvement is concerned, oil production con-tinues to grow. During March there was a slight increase in purchases from abroad, but the underlying trend to balance and then surplus is clear for all to see. Clearly, the danger which is child present is that a surplus of cars were falling in volume terms by 6! per cent, imports rose 15 per cent, while the broad category of "other manu-factures" rose 9 per cent. is still present is that a surplus from oil will be used to go on. running a deficit on everything

up only a fairly small propor-tion of total imports, their growth has been very rapid in

Total imports of manufactures are now more than twice as high as in 1970, whereas imports of industrial materials have gone up only by a fifth.
Since sales in volume terms

were falling during the first quarter, the increase in the absolute volume of imports reflects an even more significant increase in their share of the domestic market.

the main sources of improve-ment in the country's prospects Even more important as far

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9p to 468p '8p to 397p 13p to 525p 15p to 520p Equities fell back on pay doubts. Gilt-edged securities lost £1.30 in places. Dollar premium 119,75 per (effective rate 44.527 per cent). Sterling rose 15 points to 51.7195. Its effective exchange rate was up 0.1 at 61.7.

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By Our Commercial Editor

Britons as a whole were still reserved in their attitude towards credit and even among credit card holders there was a degree of caution, Mr Ralph Kettell, national sales manager for Barclaycard, said at the annual conference in East-bourne yesterday of the Radio, Electrical and Television Retailers' Association.

Research had shown this and it was the reason Barclaycard, was spending around £500,000 on advertising campaigns this year, was running a campaign to try to dispel the fears of cardholders, Mr Kettell

Barclaycard nevertheless was recruiting 40,000 new card holders a month and adding new retailers at the rate of 1.500 a mouth.

But he admitted that the two major travel and entertainment cards, American Express and cards, American Express and
Diners Club, were expanding,
with respectively 20,000 and
17,000 outlets. This compared
with Barclaycard and Access,
each with around 100,000 outlets, Mr Kettell said.
Although the Consumer
Credit Act had stopped any further direct selling of credit

ther direct selling of credit card facilities to the public, be tried. Meeting the Credit requirements would eventually cost Barclaycard fim, Mr Kettell estimated.

At the conference, the theme of which was "Profit or Loss", Mr Ronald Gleadow, commer-cial manager of the South-eastern Electricity Board, forecast a greater importance for retailers in the selling chain if, as now seemed likely, the system of manufacturers' reconmended prices (MRP) was abandoned through Government

He described as "utter balderdash" the belief among some manufacturers that if re-tailers were left to fix prices it would be "a major disaster" with many makers going out of

"All the abolition of MRP will mean is that we will have to be sensible about all aspects of our retailing.

The independent review of the forecasting techniques used by the Post Office to determine

its telecommunications equip-

ment requirements is expected

before Mr Michael Posner, the Cambridge economist brought

in by the Government to con-

who have given evidence

to be ready by next month. Senior executives in the equipment manufacturing indus-

By Malcolm Brown

Community backs IMF plans to finance balance of payment deficits

European Community finance ministers tonight decided to give their full support to plans fund will be discussed at the IMF Interim Committee meeting in Washington on April 28 by the International Monetary Dr Hans Apel, West German Finance Minister, told journalists that the special facility of up to \$14,000m (about £8,000m) must have strict conditions are about \$4.000m. Fund for a special fund to finance balance of payments deficits in developing and industrial nations, Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer and current President of the EEC Finance Council, told a press conference. ditions attached for borrowing Mr Healey said the special facility could come into force next autumn. Money for the

from leading Western industrial

nations grouped in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

From Frank Vogl

Washington, April 18

their products here.

Mr Henry Ford II, the chair-man of the Ford Motor Com-

pany, believes that one reason why American-made small cars

are not selling too well is that the Japanese might be dumping

In a television interview, Mr

all the facts, but he believes it

is true and that the time has

come for the United States

Government to take a tough

He said he has long suppor-ted the introduction of a petrol

tax to reduce American energy

consumption and he would not

object if President Carter pro-

posed such a tax this week.

He firmly opposed, however, the introduction of a tax on

large cars that needed a great deal of petrol. Such a tax, he

suggested, might drive many

consumers out of the car buying market altogether and lead to

people or even more in the United States car industry.

Support likely for Post Office forecasts

got its sums right.

duct the inquiry, believe that the review will probably con-

clude that the corporation has

The Government set up the

inquiry in March after intense

pressure from the industry which was disturbed that the

cuts in exchange equipment

spending announced by the Post

Office last November could cost the industry 15,000 jobs over a

Mr Ford said that he was

said that he does not have

a tough stand against

car dumping by Japanese

Essentially, Dr Apel said, only the United States, West Germany, Japan, The Netherlands and Switzerland are seen fund, proposed by Dr Johannes as potential contributors to the special facility from the side Witteveen, managing director of the IMF, would come in roughly equal halves from Arab oilof industrialized nations. producing nations with substantial payments surpluses, and

Dr Apel added that the Community decided egainst any increase in the IMF's special drawing rights (SDR). He implied that the United States would also be opposed to such

deeply worried about the in-

think we are going down the socialist road in this country—not fast, but we are drifting ",

suggestion that his company and its chief American rivels were making vast profits. "Our

making vast profits. "Our profits are terrible", he asserted.

to sales, assets and net worth.

clear that they are not sufficient

to enable the industry to comply

with government orders regard-

ing safety, pollution and fuel-

efficiency and at the same time

enable the industry to raise its

"From now until 1980 we will invest \$8,000m (about £4,705m) to meet the laws—and this

spending will not increase our productivity at all", Mr Ford

In March, Plessey announced

Speculation now centres on

how Mr Posner will choose to

interpret his terms of reference. Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, asked Mr Posner simply to consider the assessment which led the Post

Office, in November, 1976, to

productivity.

When viewed in this way, it is

They must be seen in relation

The Ford chief rejected the

creasing intervention of the Government in the free enter-prise system and in the limita-tions being imposed by govern-ment on individual choice. "I

The Community was divided, however, on the problem of in-

creasing IMF quotas, Dr Apel

told reporters. He said The Netherlands and West Germany were firmly op-posed to increasing quotes more than 20 to 25 per cent, while Britain and Italy would like to see a quota rise of as much as 50 per cent and the IMF an in-crease of as much as 100 per

In the absence of any clear Community verdict on the quota subject, Mr Healey, when presenting the EEC position at the IMF Interim Committee, will merely stress that the EEC as such sees no sense in changing the existing IMF quota dis-tribution.

Mr Ford wants US to take **EEC** steel crisis policy attacked

By Our Industrial Correspon

Measures being implemented by the EEC Commission and aimed at alleviating the prob-lems of the European steel industry were attacked yester-day by the head of one of West Germany's leading steel com-

Herr Hans Birnbaum, chair man of the managing board of Salzgitter AG said that the anticrisis measures drawn up by Viscount Etienne Davignon, the commissioner for industrial affairs, did not provide a sufficient answer to the industry problems, and it remained to be seen if the EEC measures—due to be introduced from the begin-ing of next month would be

He told a press conference that competition on the world steel market was now so strong that there would be no quic reduction in the overcapacity situation—at least while demand for steel grew only slowly.

Annual world steel produc-tion was about 700 million tonnes against a capacity of 900 million tonnes, and there had been considerable expansion of capacity in Japan in ese exports to the EEC, he said, were only relatively small in terms of the size of the total market, but their exports to third country markets were ruining EEC steel sales in those areas.

The EEC's anti-crisis plan is aimed at achieving a long term re-structuring and rationalizareduce the future levels of tion of the industry, coupled orders for telephone exchange with tougher controls on

In brief

New Bristol attempt to get Toyota into port

Port of Bristol Authority yes-terday offered the Japanese car company Toyota a cheaper site in another attempt to attract it to the authority's showpiece West Dock

The revised offer could sway the decision in Bristol's favour after Toyota admitted it was constantly reviewing the situa-tion after land and site surveys at Portbury revealed soaring development and running costs.

Mr John Pride, Toyota man-aging director, said: "It is a completely different package. It is impossible to say how much cheaper it is than the original deal because of various com-

A final decision would be made within two weeks.

Sugar talks open

Mr Gamani Corea, secretary general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), yesterday formally opened a negotiating conference in Vienna comprising representatives from about 100 nations aimed at drawing up a new sugar agree-

Cheaper farm loans The Agricultural Mortgage

Corporation yesterday announced that interest on variable rate loans will drop from the 17 per cent fixed last December to 14 per cent, and on fixed rate loans from the 16 per cent adopted last Octo-ber to 14 per cent. Existing fixed rate loans will not be affected, while the rate of 17 per cent will apply on existing variable rate deals until the quarterly review in June.

Building Society boost A big increase in funds for the first fortnight of April was announced last night by Britain's seventh largest building society, the Leicester. Despite Easter, the net intake over two weeks was £9m—equal to the whole of March. Mr Basil Sharman, chairman, told the society's annual meeting in funds were now beginning to flow back.

Improved radiator

A new type of lightweight copper radiator for automotive use which, it is claimed, can be produced at significantly lower cost than the conventional product, was announced yesterday by Marston Radiators. The result of three years work sponsored by the International Copper Research Association, it is said to meet the most strin-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restructuring essential for all major steel producing nations

Sir, The article in today's issue ess steel capacity he mentions, of The Times by Mr Tim some 20 million tonnes is made Renton refers to various aspects up by the 50 or so non-of the current world steel crisis, integrated works, currently to meet which the European Commission is currently preparing various measures.

I cannot usefully add to the well-aired controversy over the Port Talbot development, nor to his graphic account of the dire state of the Belgian industry, except to say that the Belgian crisis goes well beyond the major steel company he describes.

He does, however, make an incidental reference to Japan, and as this coincides with a news item elsewhere quoting Japanese claims of unfairness in recent United Kingdom action on steel, I would like to make a factual contribution which might help balance the

making heavy losses (reported last week at 36 United States dollars a tonne), and only remaining in existence by virtue of immense loans from major Japanese trading houses —the nearest "Japan Ltd " gets

They, too, are the subject of a "crisis plan" not yet accepted by all of them, and they are the source of the imports which arrived in Europe last week at prices which certainly constituted dumping by reference to the Japanese domestic levels prevailing in February, when they were dispatched.

efficiency, but of what almost amounts to a "closing down sale", and it would be unfortunate, to say the least, if this were allowed to exacerbate Europe's own current steel crisis by meek acceptance of damaging imports, or to before the very difficult arguments on essential restructuring which must somehow be solved by all major traditional steel producBY TI

ing countries.
The Biblical exhortation to remember the "beam" in our own eye is still very valid, but there really is a "mote" in the other fellow's eye too, and our competitors need no help from us in stating their side of the case. British industry—whether nationalized or not—is not always in the wrong-SELWYN WILLIAMS

The lower Japanese prices The British Independent Steel now being mentioned are Producers Association. evidence, not of greater cost 5 Cromwell Road, London, SW7

Less than just to engineering

From Miss J. Soesan
Sir, Mr Hansard (The Times,
April 7) has got it all wrong.
He will have to supply a great
deal more information before
his argument can be accepted.
For a start he could specify
the "United States standards"
he has in mind, qualify "too
much" in referring to invest
ment in inventories, identify the
source of his statistics and tell us what happened to the figures for 1975.

It is difficult to argue

It is difficult to argue

2. The whole point of the of deferred taxation is affectcogently against Mr Hansard's stock relief scheme is to prepoorly substantiated assertions.

However, the comparison he the non-realizable paper profits permanent solution for this makes does less than justice to which accrue from this very too. the engineering industry: con-stock appreciation. With this sideration of three points will relief the real rate of return in

than from massive stockpiling relevance to this discussion of physical goods. In this Government would not have to period United Kingdom infla borrow less if industry did not tion has been more than double spend so much money on that of the United States; constoks, I am afraid the flow of sumer prices between 1972 and funds between sectors of the 1976 rose by 83 per cent in the United Kingdom and 36 per cent in the United States (source: Trade and Industry, April 8, 1977). Obviously the of inflation on industry's stock value of stocks in this country levels. So far so good. Now it will have increased relatively.

perhaps redress the balance British manufacturing industry and enable him to understand the true situation in the industry.

1. The increased value of industry would not have even dustry. October 8, 1976): wi 1. The increased value of industry would not ha stocks in United Kingdom en-gineering companies since 1973 base.

Government would not have to funds between sectors of the economy is not as simplistic as Mr Hansard seems to think The Government acted wisely in recognizing the effect

levels. So far so good. Now it must recognize how the burden of deferred taxation is affect-

Yours faithfully, JUDITH SOESAN, Affairs, Engineering Employers Federation, Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SWIH 9NQ.

A better use of railway land?

Sir, Mr Sidney Weighell in his Chapter 8 of the Government's letter (April 7) shows much recent consultation document concern that heavy lorries may Rail freight services have their not pay their full share of track costs debited to pas-track costs. However, there is senger services using the same no doubt that road users as a route, these in turn being whole pay far more in tax than heavily subsidized by tax-the cost of maintaining and payers. Prominent among the building the roads they use. They make a very substantial positive contribution to central government funds.

Mr Weighell was careful to

freight, which he believes to lic asset. Since government be unfairly treated, pays receives no return on its heavy almost no track costs at all. capital expenditure on

This was brought to light in railways-in fact the return is latter are the lorry operators with whom the railways are supposed to compete on equal

terms.
Mr Weighell believes the railways to be a valuable pub-

negative since operating subsi-dies are needed—railway assets present use. What could be of immense value to our country is the

land now occupied by the railways. It forms a route network of incomparable potential—if only we could take the rails ANGUS DALGLEISH. Chairman, Railway Conversion

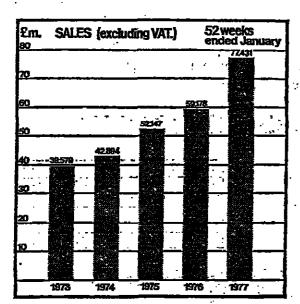
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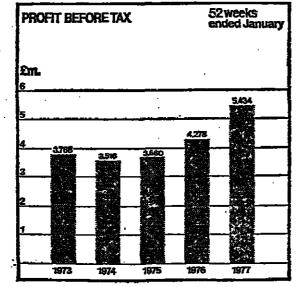
Pretax profits exceed

Sales for the 52 weeks ended 29th January 1977 increased by 31 per cent, and profits by 27 per cent. Compared with the 53 weeks to January 1976 the respective increases were 28 per cent. and 23 per cent.

• In the opening two months of the current financial year sales have increased by approximately one-third over last year. A continuing increase of sales in both value and volume is anticipated, thereby maintaining real growth.

Group Results	1977 52 weeks £000	1976 52 weeks £000	1976 53 weeks £000
Sales (excluding VAT)	77,431	59,178	60,265
Net Profit Before Taxation	5,434	4,278	4,429
Net Profit After Taxation	2,622	2,011	2,082
Earnings per share	12.05p	9.94p	10.27p
Dividends Interim Proposed final	1.53p 1.80p		1.39p 1.64p





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Deposits and Advances show substantial increases in a strong **Balance Sheet**

...Lord Clydesmuir

deserve praise for their adherence to the terms of the Social

Contract and the more discerning of their leaders are, I fee!

North Sea oil and gas developments have contributed

materially to the relative strength of the Scottish economy up until now although it may be that, as a source of new jobs,

these developments have passed their peak. It is estimated that

this year half of the U.K. requirement will come from the North

Sea wells and that by 1979 we shall be self-sufficient. It is

revenues be treated as the seed corn of the future and not

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

digest and apply new legislation.

become mere puppets of the State.

providential that our faltering national economy should have

such a stout prop but it is imperative, if our children's children

dissipated in maintaining an artificially high standard of living.

I find it saddening that during this period of grave economic

should have been diverted from the task of achieving greater

efficiency, finding new products or markets and building up

and Safety at Work Act, the Employment Protection Act and

ments of these statutes but simply wish to make the point that

Company boards and managements have also had to devote

valuable time to assessing the implications of the Devolution

exaggeration to say that no graver threat exists to continuance

Bill, the Bullock Report and, within the banking industry,

proposals for nationalisation. As for the latter, it is not an

of the mixed economy. The banking system has been able

The personal customer would also suffer. Today

and that rivalry finds its most obvious expression in their

since the last war to apply varying Bank of England directives with flexibility and without causing widespread dislocation. That flexibility would inevitably be lost were the banks to

competition between the banks for personal business is keen

standards of service and the variety of their charges. Who can

seriously believe that after nationalisation that healthy state of

the Social Security Pensions Act. I am not questioning the

there are limits to the ability of the business community to

vital profitability to the study and application of many new and

difficulty so much management time, thought and effort

complex statutes. I have in mind, such enactments as the Consumer Credit Act, the Sex Discrimination Act, the Health

are not to castigate us as a generation of profligates, that the oil

perhaps on a more flexible basis to deal with differentials.

sure, anxious to see its life prolonged into a third stage, though



Meeting of the Proprietors of the Bank of Scotland will be held on May 10 within the Head Office, Edinburgh. The following is an extract from the statement by the Governor of the Bank, The Rt. Hon. Lord Clydesmuit, K.T., C.B., M.B.E.

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT Last year I referred to the

formulation of our Group strategy and mentioned particularly our having created the largest Scottish merchant bank - Bank of Scotland Finance Company Limited. In implementation of our plan to expand still further this merchant banking arm of the Group, we have promoted private legislation to transfer the entire business and undertaking of Bank of Scotland Finance Company Limited to The British Linen Bank which, since the merger of 1971, has been a dormant member of the Group. We believe that The British Linen Bank, with its long tradition of service to Scotland and with its capital increased to £8 million, will be ideally suited to its new function.

Our strategy also envisaged a substantial expansion of the activities of our International Division. The progress of that Division has lived up to expectations and we look forward with confidence to an increasingly significant contribution to profits from this source in the years ahead.

THE YEAR'S RESULTS

The Group's operating profit for the year is £27,330,000 which represents an increase of 28.7% over the previous year. After deduction of additional provision made last year and this year. our profit of £26,330,000 compares with £17,236,000 in 1976 and the improvement of £9 million has arisen mainly in our Clearing Bank operations, supported by excellent results from our finance house subsidiary, North West Securities Limited which from its leasing, instalment credit and hire purchase activities, earned a total of £6,567,000, an increase of £2,589,000 over the previous year. This is a magnificent achievement. In the merchant banking field, Bank of Scotland Finance Company Ltd., showed a material advance in profit at £1,958,000 compared with £1,470,000 last year.

International Energy Bank continues to make sound progress. Our share of its profit increased from £145,000 to £278,000, and the total contribution from Associated Companies amounts to £444,000.

The Group pre-tax profit thus becomes £26,774,000 an increase of 53.3% over the previous year.

An interim dividend of 4.87p per £1 Capital Stock has already been paid and the Board are now recommending payment of a final dividend of 4.884p per £, which is the maximum permissible under present regulations.

It appeared in mid-1976 that the Government's counter-inflation policy was beginning to show results and that a single-figure inflation rate could be predicted with confidence. Alas, the slide in sterling has frustrated these expectations and as the higher costs of imports work their way through the economy the purchasing power of the pound in our pocket has started to decline more rapidly. The Trade Unions

affairs would continue? SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS

Year ended 28th February 1976 £000's £000's Group operating profit 21,236 Additional pension provision 2,000 1,000. Additional bad debt provision 2,000 Share of associated companies profits 444 231 Group pre-tax profit 17,467 26,774 Profit attributable (after tax and extraordinary items) 9,434 Dividends absorb 2,860



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BY.THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Reyrolle's switch of direction

So far as it is possible Reyrolle Parsons has been insulating itself against the effects of the lack of any United Kingdom programme of power station orders, either nuclear or convential, but the enthusiasm which pushed up the shares op to a new high for the year at 165p on a bad day in the stock market, needs tempering with some caution.

For this year, at least, con-tioned growth at the trading level seems assured. The question is whether by mid-1978, when the current order load has worked through, Rey-rolle will have done enough to avert a swing into losses.

Development work on switchparelopment work on switch-gear over the past few years paid off last year and accounted for around half the growth in trading profits from £7.4m to £10.8m as exports grew to account for more than half the division's sales.

Despite the worldwide slack Desprie me working the in power station building the downstream lines continue to indust grow, and orders for switchmean see Reyrolle's motors and indepensee Reyrolle's motors and indepen-

But even with two thirds of the business doing well, the key
to future prosperity is still very
much tied up with the power
generation business. The profitgeneration business. The profitable 1976 workload can be maintained in 1977 while cash continues to be built up. Retentions excluding a loan stock ordinary items was £6.8m while redemption surplus and extraordinary items was £6.8m, while
only ACT is payable in the
United Kingdom. Capital spending this year will only be £11m
above the £31m depreciation

There are some doubts as to whether 80 per cent of work-in-progress can continue to be financed by progress payments, but, after increasing liquidity by £7.4m and leaving cash of £5m ar the year end, cash flow continues to be strong, and should be available to meet either the large redundancy payments in 1978 or increased turnover should the Govern-ment give the go-ahead to * 2L J - xi

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This year profits could be sustainable at the pre-tax as well as the trading level for although exchange gains from dollar contracts will be smaller than last year's £3.6m, interest charges should be lower. A yield of 9 per cent, however, on a fully restored dividend, is not such a bargain given the uncertainties, even though it is six times covered.

Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization LLCM Sales £163m (£127m) Pre-tax profits £15.8m (£7.0m) Earnings per share 60.7p (31.9p)

Dividend gross 15p (10-8p)

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Underlying strengths

Revelations about Sir Eric Miller's management style at Peachey Property Corporation, along with the usual, but now recharged rumours of imminent takeover, tend to overshadow the figures filling the occasional space between auditors qualifi-cation and chairman's statement

in the 1976 accounts. A glance at the figures reveals a rather less glamorous company than Sir Eric's flambuoyant style might have implied. But 1976's pre-tax profits of £846,000 have been struck after the extraordinary charge of £282,000—for extraordinary reasons—plus a further £630,000 loss covering provisions against the Lyon, Toulouse and North-amptonshire schemes. A sample valuation of the portfolio pro-



Mr Joseph Godber, chairman of Tricentrol: further boost from North American gas

duced a £7m surplus, supporting an asset per share of over 70p.

That asset backing, plus the impact on future years profits of the elimination of special provisions, added to the arrival of Barclays Merchant Bank as financial advisers to the board, ought to make either an auractive bid package or a sound and undervalued share of Peachey.

The joker in the pack remains The Joker in the pack remains
Sir Eric. The scale of the
financial problems which
occurred during his reign are
clear. But until it is evident
whether he stays or goes the shares will remain purely speculative. If he stays, they will go back to being speculative

Tricentrol

Valuing the Thistle stake

After four years of declining profits. Tricentrol has come back in fine style with almost quadrupled fourth quarter earnings boosting the full year 151 per cent to £2.48m.

For perspective, however, profits are still only half as much again as the 1972 peak akhough that historic performance has precious little bearing on the shares now that Tricentrol has developed into a fully-fledged second-line oil stock. It has proven North Sea discoveries (plus the spice of more to come in its fifth round concessions) and gas interests in the United States, which look certain to get a new lease of life after President Carter's

energy meatures tomorrow. Just to go on what is known, a line drawn through Ashland's deal with Santa Fe throws up a value of £50m net of debt for Tricentrol's Thistle stake, equivalent to 130p a share equivalent a current share price of against a current share price of 138p. While small producer saus alone has pushed up 1976 gas profits by £330,000 and retrospective price increases were meant a £275,000 excep-

tional profit for 1975. Meanwhile, the 1976 improvement has been spread equally between the North American oil and gas interests and recovery in the commercial division in the United Kingdom. North American pre-interest profits, though marking time in the fourth quarter, rose 28 per cent to £2m during the year. Performance in the commercial

division is still extremely patchy with losses in Malaysia, Austra-

lia and Canada up two-thirds to £556,000 offsetting the recovery in Holland and the United Kingdom but Canada is now apparency coming right and unless fresh management can turn Australia round the group

· Tricentrol has now taken the necessary steps to rectify its cash flow deficit of eround film purchase of Ashmole Investment rust and sale of some of its North Sea interests bringing in £8.4m which will bridge the gap until Thistle starts to come

In the light of those sort of prospects, holders can afford to live with a yield of under 1 per cent and a sky-high p/e rodo of almost 25.

Final: 1976 (1976) Capitalization E47.2m Sales E72.6m (E56.1m) Pro-tax profits E2.48m (E0.99m) Earnings per share 5.6p (3.1p) Dividend gross 1.25p (-)

Empire Stores

Gaining market

Empire Stores (Bradford) sacrificed margins to market share in the first half of the year to the end of January. and whole margins were restored in the second six months, it certainly was not at the expense of market share. In fact sales in the second half rose by 41 per cent, more than double the industry average.

Of that rather more than half related to volume. So in terms of its sales, at least, the group is already raking in the benefits of the expansion in the number of agents which helped to knock profitability in the early part of last year. And since the group starts from a smaller base than either of its two independent mail order competitors (Freemans and Gratians) it has room to main-tain a high degree of growth

However, even assuming that Empire can maintain the one third sales growth achieved in the first two months of this year, it is a moot point whether profits will grow at a commensurate rate. For a start profitability will be depressed this year, as last by some £300,000 in additional costs relating to double running on computerization of the agency

In addition last year's £89,000 (down from £312,000) contribution from short-term deposits, now eroded by the expansion of working capital requirements, is not going to

J. Lyons earner mus year.

Akthough last year's emproved occupancy levels and the certainty that this year's will be even better have helped marrers, As against this the most vigorous phase of agent recruitment is now over, so that the by those already in operation should work through more directly into profits. But even if margins emerge from the present day hotel business are such that it is not possible to The gap between the room tariffs that the market will beer year, on balance, more or less intact, there is a question over whether this will do anything much for the group's rating. It is true that Empire prob-

It is true that Empire probably has more growth in it now than Freemans—which recorded a 29 per cent improvement in profits for the year just ended—and certainly non more growth in it than Grattan. But the yield at 114p (down 1p yesterday) is only 4.5 per cent. That is not much for shareholders to cousole themselves with while they wait for the great expansion of non-food retail sales which should start to work through in 1978. work through in 1978.

Final: 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £24.8m Sales £77.43m (£59.18m) Pre-tax profits £5.43m (£4.28m) Earnings per share 12.05p (9.94p) The day of the industrial rela-tions codes will shortly arrive for fearful and complaining to smaller firms.
The local

The codes on disciplinary practice and procedures, and on disclosure of information to on disclosure of information to trade union negoriators, have already been sent by the Advi-sory, Conciliation and Arbitra-tion Service to Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment. He has laid the former before Parliament and both could come into effect in a couple of months.

The code on allowing time off for trade union activities is the subject of lively and difficult consultation, but may folfourth on collective bargaining procedures, including trade union recognition, will soon be in draft form.

The codes are not legally The codes are not legally binding, but unless employers observe them, at least in the spirit, they are likely to find cases going against them at hearings of industrial tribunals or the Central Arbitration Committee. When the codes on disclosure and time off have been approved by Parliament the relevant sections of the the relevant sections of the Employment Protection Act will be put into force.

When consultative drafts of the first three were published last year, they provoked immediate hostile reactions to both their tone and content from employers' organizations.

The Engineering Employers' Federation described that on discipline as confused in discipline as confused in a potential recipe for conflict ing it to outside pressures expression. It urged that its and loss of production: it from the CBI and other organi-provisions should be made less treated union duties as inde-zations to secure amendments

found for London hotels.

The sums handed over in the

recent deals illustrate, how-ever, that the hotel industry's

return to prosperity is as yet far from complete. For example,

the £6m agreed for the Chelsea

—a modern hotel opened in 1975, with a good central loca-

tion and a roof-top swimming

pool—is, at less than £28,000 a bedroom, well below the esti-mared cost of replacement. Trust Houses Forte, in par-

ticular, got a bargain in the 30 Strand hotels it purchased from J. Lyons earlier this year.

recoup the cost of construction.

and the price of building is too

wide to encourage any new

The rough yardstick used by

this necessary to charge at least f1 per night per £1,000 invested in a new hotel bedroom. Typical building costs at present start at £25,000 to £40,000 per room,

so that simple arithmetic pro-duces a nightly tariff which is beyond all but the richest

Eric Wigham

employers saw a fundamental defect in an apparent attempt to apply disciplinary rules not only to misconduct but also to inadequate performance.

The Confederation of British

Industry said the draft on disclosure was more likely to give rise to conflict than to assist responsible collective bargain-ing it listed five major shortcomings, partly concerned with form and emphasis but com-plaining particularly of vague references to the limited reievance of some kinds of in-formation in particular circum-

said, did not reflect the essen tial balance between different sections of the Act, was one-sided and dealt inadequately with union responsibilities.
The EEF was concerned that the code should be used con-structively and responsibly, not to disrupt existing bargaining patterns or to fabricate un-necessary claims. Requests for information should have to be justified by the unions and the whole draft should be reexamined so make sure that it did not give the impression that union requests for information would always be justifiable and that employers would

always try to limit disclosures. Greatest indignation, however, was aroused by the consulta-tive code on time off for union duties. The CBI described it as

Are employers worrying too much about

the new industrial relations codes?

pendent of the business aims of an enterprise; it could provide limitless scope for time off by giving union officials the sole right to decide how much was needed.

On the face of it, it is curious that the Council of the

Advisory, Conciliation Arbitration Service, which among its nine members, should have approved without dissent the publication of the papers which aroused so much employer resentment. By large the council seeks sensus rather than majority decisions, though there have been votes from time to time, particularly on recognition

There has been no vote on the draft codes. The employers have in any case little chance of getting a majority since the other six members consist of three from the TUC General Council and three academics, of whom at least two are always likely to support the trade union point of view.

Moreover, they would be more conscious than CBI members and other employers that much that was distasteful was due to the Act itself rather than to the framing of the codes designed to interpret it. No doubt they thought that more was to be gained by leav-

during the consultative process than by forcing an employerconfrontaton on the

If so, they have so far proved to be right. discipline, goes a long way to meet criticisms. Small employers have not been given a blanket exclusion from the obligation to adopt fair discipobligation to adopt fair discip-linary procedures that a sen-tence has been inserted in the first paragraph which says: "In the smaller establishments it may not be practicable to adopt all the detailed provi-sions, but most of the features listed could be adapted and in-corporated into a simple proce-dure."

The references to standards of performance have been

The final draft on disclosure, though not yet published, is known to have been reshaped and the balance altered by listing, near the beginning the Act's restrictions on union rights to demand information. There could well be a some-what similar change of emphasis in the time off code, this has proved particularly difficult because while ACAS inquiries showed that presentpractice varies widely, many employers fear that large costs will result from giving paid time off for made union duties industrial relations training. In this code, perhaps even more than in the others, it is the terms of the Act, rather than the interpretation, which

are the cause of complaint.

anxious about the codes generally. The broad philosophy of industrial relations which they will embody goes little beyond that of the code of practice drawn up under the Conservative Industrial Relations Act of 1971 and retained by of 1971 and retained Labour until sections of it could be replaced by the new

The old code is being clab orated, and a more detailed formulation places some addi-tional responsibilities on the tional responsibilities on the employer. The main difference, however, is that, in the case of disclosure and time off for union duties, the Employment Protection Act gives the unions enforceable legal rights.

To a degree, a legal obliga-tion replaces a moral obliga-

But those who fully observed the spirit of the Conservative Code are unlikely to find themselves in trouble. The codes will contribute to greater consistency in tribunal and CAC awards relating those parts of the Act.

What some employers feel, after all the recent spate of legislation on industrial relations and discrimination, is that the establishment of a series of new codes is too much and too soon. The standing of the ACAS as an impar-tial tribunal may be damaged by its involvement in the enforcement of an Act which many consider one-sided.

The Commission on Industrial Relations was killed by its involvement in Conservative law. It is a pity if ACAS is

Why hotels are still changing hands Adda International's dispos

the Chelsea Hotel last week is only one of at least 17 instances where large London hotels have changed hands during the last Date Hotels Price The Dorchester Arab-backed syndicate Development Securities June '76 £9m · That the deals have occurred Royal Kensington Hotel Believed to be Arab Magnum Group (in at all are a symptom of the upturn in hotel fortunes since Central City Hotel Central Park Hotel, Believed to be Arab S & M Hotels (in the devaluation of sterling brought foreigners flooding £1m plus backed **Bayswater** back into Britain. Two years earlier, when the overcapacity caused by the grant-aided explo-Cumberland; Regent . Palace; Strand Palace; Nov '78 J. Lyons (Strand Hotels) £27.6m sion in new hotel building was at its peak, no buyers—Arab backed or otherwise—could be Ariel, London Airport, 30 hotels in total

(7 in London) estbury, London, Knott Hotels Corporation 23m Trust Houses Forte plus 3 in United States kyline Park Tower, Sheraton (ITT) Skyline Hotels Knightsbridge Skyline Hotel, Heathrow

Chelsea Hotel Rangate, believed to Adda International £6m. be Arab backed London Embassy Ind Coope Hotels Embassy Hotels (Hyde Park)

many hotel developers have had to bear on borrowed capital: These and other factors, such increasing wage costs, which it this labour intensive industry hard, the cost of conforming to the new fire precaution regumust force up the value of existing buildings. lations and, above all, the drop in occupancy levels in 1974 and 1975 took the necessary charge per room then to nearer £2 per £1,000.

High investment costs and the inability to earn an adequate return are key points in the industry's plea for Treasury help in the shape of the extension to hotels of the building allowances given to manufac-

experts such as consultants turing industry.

Green, Bertram Smith is that The argument is that the it is necessary to charge at least hotel business, an important foreign currency earner, will not be able to accommodate future customers unless it can build more hotel rooms and modernize its old ones. So far the plea has fallen on

duces a nightly tariff which is beyond all but the richest deaf ears. The relief hoped for in the last budget was not in the last budget was not in the last budget was not offered, but Mr Clive Derby, formula of £1 per £1,000 per chief executive of the British room has to be used with Hotels. Restaurants and caution. It is, for instance, Cateters Association, says that based on fairly high occupancy the association is continuing to levels (the key element in the press the case. financial management of hotels)

As things stand there are, not supprisingly, no new hotels not take into account the crio-

not take into account the crip-plingly high interest rates which and none in the planning pipe-

line. With the expected high occupancy rates for the fore-seeable future—the signs are that London will be bursting at the seams this summer—this

Why then have the recent apparently low prices? The answer lies in special factors affecting the industry which more or less forced many

of the sales. Many hoteliers borrowed heavily in the 1970s to take maximum advantage of the government's much criticized

development Completion of the large number of new hotel bedrooms which resulted was delayed by innumerable construction hitches. When they were finished it coincided with a slump in demand during 1974

The London-based Adda International group's experience with the Chelsea was not untypical. Having been beset with delays and problems since starting the project in: 1970, Adda eventually was forced to buy out the leasehold interest when

The group, which reported a pre-tax loss of £1.2m for 1974, reduced to £284,630 in 1975, was not greatly pleased at having to finance the extra outgoing "as best they could," and took the first sensible opportunity to get

rid of the burden.

J. Lyons, which had incurred large borrowings overseas to finance expansion projects in the late 1960s and early 1970s, needed the proceeds from the sale of its Strand Hotels because the devaluation of sterling made the borrowing costs unsupport-

A large number of hoteliers were unable to weather their dation. It is estimated that some 3,000 hotels, mostly small ones, closed in 1975. Some were converted into self-catering flats; a few into clinics.

Hackney Council spent E675,000 last December on buy-ing the Alexandra National Hotel in Finsbury Park, London, from The Rank Organisation. Since then, it has approved a scheme to convert the botel into flats at a cost of a further £68,000.

Other hotels (and even more flar owners) found eager buyers in Arabs anxious to reinvest some of their recently boosted oil wealth, the most spectacular Arab purchase being the Dorchester Hotel last summer. This hotel was always much dmired and well patronized by distinguished Arab guests. More recent Arab approaches, how-ever, have been reported for The Tower hotel, the one London hotel retained under J. Lyons ownership, and for the still unfinished Spanish-owned Melia hotel, which like the Tower has a site by the Thames.

The hotel business has had a severe shaking in the last five years and it will take some time for the dust to settle. After burnt over property many hote groups are opting out of development altogether and

confining their activities to hotel management. At the same time new development investment, if not from the hoteliers then from some other source, is argently needed if the 65,000 new hotel bedrooms which the Hotels and Catering Economic Develop-ment Committee says are needed by 1985 are to be built. The recent changes of owner contribute only by keeping

existing hotels in business. Patricia Tisdall

Business Diary: Leading lady • Baughan for ECGD

Dividend gross 5.12p (4.66p)

Miniam Stoppard, a Briton, has become the highest-ranking woman executive in the Syntex Corporation an American maker of "the Pill". She is to succeed John Munson as managing director of Syntex Pharmaceuticals, the Maidenhead-based British subsidiary.
Dr Stoppard is well-known as

a medical journalist, particularly through science programmes for children's television. Munson's predecessor, David Moreau, was a sparetime accellent and left to write full-time

Munson has been promoted to responsibility for the Calif-ornian group's subsidiaries and

joint venture companies in Europe and Africa Dr Stoppard joined Syntex in 1958 and became deputy man-



Syntex's Miriam Stoppard.

aging director last year. She was formerly senior registrar in dermatology at the University of Bristol. She is married to the playwright, Tom Stoppard.

Switchover

Michael Baughan, an assistant director and Eurocurrency expert at Lazards, is to help out the Export Credits Guarantee Department, which is preparing to switch from financing export credit business in ster-ling to financing in dollars. On the one hand, ECGD has

had to explain to anxious ex-porters how the new system will

porters how the new system will operate and on the other it has quickly had to familiarize itself with dollar financing techniques that it never needed to bother with before.

Lazards has always been closely involved in export credit business. It claims some responsibility for the creation of the buyer credit system and

responsibility for the creation of the buyer credit system and is the most active of the merchant banks in the field of ECGD business.

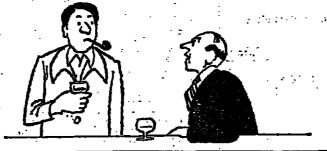
It was logical therefore that it should volunteer its support when the department found itself tentatively entering uncharted foreign currency waters. charted foreign currency waters.

Baughan will spend three months with ECGD, helping to get the scheme off the ground. In the past the department's loans have been fairly straightforward affairs, involving usually a single merchant bank and a clearing bank. Under the new scheme announced last year, a number of foreign banks will be drawn into the lending net, funds will be raised in the Eurodollar interbank market,

leading rates will be fixed in relation to the prevailing dollar

rates and frequently big deals

will be syndicated.



Hollowood

"Disraeli was right. There are two nations—the indexlinked and the rest."

On the hop

Some time after most of the American banking establishment the blue-blooded New York investment banking house Morgan Stanley has also decided to set up a London branch, Morgan Stanley International

This, the bank says, does not mean a move from Paris, Morgan's European base since 1967, and two of the three joint and two of the three joint managing directors, Archibald Cox, junior, and John W. Hyland, are likely to spend much of their time commuting between the two.

The third, Jonathan Agnew, may, however, be in London for most of the time, since the London opening marks a large extension of the bank's European operations. For a start, the bank, mainly known for its placing power with new issues, is emering the secondary mar-ket in Eurobonds and chose London for this debut with an eye to the supply of trained people and the City's good com-

But the new office, employing about forty people in the Commercial Union building in Undershaft, will also be handling the substantial United States share business done for European institutions and European institutions and hicherto dealt with through New

Capitalist swine

More than 600 pigs left Stan-sted Airport, Essex, for Angola in one aircraft yesterday. It is said to have been the biggest pig consignment to be flown from Britain.

Their departure was reason for jubilation in the Cotswold Pig Development Company, Pig Development which sold them to the Neto government in a package deal worth £150,000. Cotswold is an group, based in the Lincolnshire Wolds. It already has export links with Portugal, the

former ruler of Angola. After arriving at Loanda the has a licence for every 453 pigs, all breeding stock, are to be shared between two state one for 527.

farms. Julian Leeds, Cotswold tarms: Julian Leeds, Cotswold livestock manager, and Michael Eastmah, assistant to the production director, will stay with them for a fortnight.

Raymond Alexander, export manager for Cotswold, said yesterday that he would follow in a month.

in a month.

He made it clear that the company expects the deal to lead to further business. "In addition to the right type of pig", he said, "Cotswold has been able to provide scientific and technical services, plus the marketing back-up the Angolans wanted".

Whistle stops

Britain's holiday areas are among the "wettest" in the among the wettest in the country, according to the latest liquor licensing statistics for England and Wales from the Home Office. In the Isle of Wight there are 64 " on " and " off " licences per 10,000 head of population or put another

"off" licences per 10,000 head of population; or, put another way, for every 156 inhabitants-there is a pub, club, hotel or off-licence.

Thereafter the league table, in descending order, reads like a tourist guide through England, with Cornwall, Devon, North Yorkshire, Cumbria and Somerset all featuring prominently. Even in the temperance ently. Even in the temperance stronghold of Wales, Dyfed, Gwynedd and Powys, all rural-cum-holiday areas, have one liquor retailer for every 220

people.
The national average for England and Wales is one licence for 431 people but city dwellers are most likely to find them-selves cramped for elbow room. Manchester, for example,

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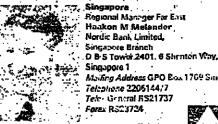
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covered the following points in his review of the year to 31st December 1976. The improvement in group performance has been maintained, Turnover has increased by 35% and profit before tax is up by

54%, due largely to increased sales volume and to better margins, particularly overseas.

In spite of economic and political problems, the whisky industry will go from strength to strength provided it can achieve a reasonable return on its investment. It is vital that prices rise to reflect the much higher costs of the whisky in stock and of the increasing quantities which must continue to be laid down. Providing nothing untoward happens during the next tivelve months and we can achieve our 1977 sales target, we hope further to improve the performance of the company, although we do not anticipate such a marked

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SEVENTH RECORD YEAR

In his statement for the year ended 31st December 1976, the Chairman, Mr. Ewart Boddington makes the following points:

*Both sales and profits were a record completed by mid-1978. for the seventh year in succession.

*Turnover is up 40.6% from £10,617,274 in 1975 to £14,931,014 in 1976. Pre-tax profits are up 36.6% from £2,127,000 to £2,906,000.

*During the year total sales in volume increased by 22.5% and Boddingtons'

own beer sales increased by 25%. *A major expansion of production

capacity is under way and will be

*Net Current Assets increased from £343,000 in 1975 to £1.206,000 in 1976 of which £950.000 was raised by the Rights' Issue in May.

*The proposed final dividend for the year of 1.5p per share makes a total for the year of 3.5p per share (1975: 1.8888p per share), the maximum permitted by agreement with the Treasury at the time of the Rights' Issue in May 1976.

Annual General Meeting, Board Room, Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ship Canal House, King Street, Manchester, 12 noon, Tuesday, 10th May, 1977. Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained from: The Company Secretary, PO Box No 331. Strangeways Brewery, Manchester M60 3EL.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Pay policy worries cloud equities

figures were a little better than most City estimates, market senument was overshadowed by pay-policy worries which were heightened by Mr Jack Jones's weekend remarks.

Light profit taking in the first two hours set the pattern of the day, with prices never recovering from this early set-back. By 11 am, the FT Index was 8.6 lower and though many leading industrial stocks firmed a penny or two thereafter, it was still 7.4 off at 409.1 by the

In the guilt-edged market, strong, early selling brought

Most companies try to make their paper attractive by multiplying it with scrip issues. Not so International Combustion which is going the other way. It is understood to be rendering five shares now 12\p apiece into one "heavy" of 621p by writing up the nominal value from 5p to 25p and shrinking the number in issue. A solid share is thought to look less to institutions. Meanwhile, profits this year will probably rise from £1.78m to at least

losses of up to 52 for long dates. Buyers came in at the lower levels, but by the end most stocks still stood a point and a

half off.
"Shorts" saw much less business as prices were marked down before the sellers had a chance to assert themselves. They closed with losses of threequarters. As in equities, the trade figures made little impact and a point of more immediate

Some of the biggest losses came among the "blue chip" equicies, where ICI at 348p, Fisons 330p and Unilever 448p all lost 8p and Glaxo were

included Myson, up 4p to 58p, Savoy "A", which rose 5p to 50p; Aaronson Brothers, where profits were accompanied by talk of terms from a Dutch group with the shares rising 7p to 64p and A. Monk which

gained 4p to 67p.

SPR Investments shot up 7p to 116p after a bid from Wedgwood which gave up 8p to 170p in spite of dividend and profit forecasts. A detrial of merger talk left Hunting Associated unchanged at 128p and Hunting Gibson 2p to the good at 178p, after touching 180p earlier.

order house Empire Stores fell a penny to 114p in spite of profits which were above most

Shares to succumb to profit-taking were Smiths Industries, off 4p to 137p, Yarrow lower by 7p to 193p and Hay's Wharf which lost 6p for a close of 100p. Issues to benefit from comment were JB Holdings at 471p, Westward TV at 19p and

Forminster at 96p.
BSR, where over 95 per cent of the rights shares have been taken up, were 4p off at 113p. Reyrolle Parsons soured 6p to 165p after figures above most estimates, but Decca "A" lost 5p

Latest dividends

Сопизацу .	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	div	ago	date	rotal	
Brit Empire Secs (5p) Int		0.14	6'5	-	0.53
Danish Bacon (SI) Fin	3.93	3.25	19.5	7.43	6.75
Elect & Ind Secs (25p) Fin	1.7	1.62		2.66	2.43
Empire Stores (25p) Fin	1.8	1.64	15 6	3.33	3.03
Geers Gross (10p) Fin	1.53	1.37±	31/5	2.26	2.1±
Stanley Gibbons (25p) Fin	1.44	1.37	9:6	2.74	2.57
Hestair (25p) Fin	3.85	1.63	1/7	5.6	3.19
London Util Inv (5p) Fin	1.88	1.71	8.6	3.76	3.42
Reed Executive (5p) Fin	-2.0	1.2 .	1.6	3.0	4.43
Revertex Chemicals					
(25p) Fin	3.1	2,82	27	4.83	4.42
Reyrolle Parsons (£1) Fin	5.25	7.0	10'6	9.73	7.0
Tricentrol (25p) Fin	0.75*		_	1.25*	_
Walker & Homer (5p) Int	0.45	0.45	30.3		1.3
	. 0.59	0.53	25.:3	0.59	0.53
S. Lyles (20p) Int	2.0	1.0	1/7		4.0
W. Tyzack, Sous (25p) Int	G.62	1.25	_		2.7
Duiker Explor (35c) Int	22.5†	8‡	- ·		20+
Tweefontein Utd (50c) Int	47† T	5 †	- .		25 †
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Dividends in this table are shown better that on peace jet suite. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Declared gross. † Cents per share. ‡ Adjusted for scrip.

In the financial sector, the weakest of the clearing banks weakest of the clearing banks were Barclays, down 5p to 245p, ing the prospect of an inquiry and Midland 4p to 278p. The With general trading almost into the footwear industry, lost at a standstill at times, there a comple of pence to 38 p while were a number of speculative others in retreat were Gus." A with Seccombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Seccombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 213p, Debenhams 4 to 278 with Secombe Marshall off 10 to 278 with Secom 5p to 213p, Debenhams 4p to to 230p, Gerrard & National 5p 79p and British Home Stores to 143p and Union 5p to 335p. which gave up 4p to 189p. Among merchant banks in

retreat were Hambros 4p to 154p. Guinness Peat lost 5p for a close of 170p.
With interest rates now close to the bottom of their cycle, property shares came under some pressure with Hammerson "A" losing 8p to 397p and both

Portland 208p lower by 4p. Including the troublesome Canadian business, there is a wide range of profit forecasts for Hawker Siddeley whose full-year profits are due today. Most estimates are pitched between £80m and £90m, against £65.5m. Solid progress is expected in the electrical mechanical engineering business but borrowings on the aerospace side, now nationalized, introduce a note of uncertainty. The shares slipped 10p to 510p.

Equity turnover on April 15 was £62.27m (12,559 bargains). According to Exchange Telegrach, active stocks yesterday were ICI, GKN new, and old, Lloyds Bank, BAT Dfd. Marks & Spencer, Distillers, GEC, Glaxo, Unilever, National Westminster, Scottley, National Westminster, Scortish & Newcastle, Adda International, Bowater, Bee-cham, Aaronson Bros, Gallen-kamp, Reyrolle Parsons, RTZ, Savoy "A" and SPR Invest-

Fine Storey now but a dull one this year

By Ray Maughan Stoney Brothers the personal and home decor specialist, has fulfilled its promise of high growth in the 53 weeks to January 2 last with a 23 per cent pre-tax; improvement to

Turnover during the year rose by £8.7m to £36m but prospects this year rest largely on better volume overseas and an upturn in the suddenly patchy transfer printing market

Over-capacity has hit the Land Securities 1620 and Great infant transfer printing indus-try, where Storey has enjoyed. handsome growth from scratch. market apparently hit a natir last October.

last October.

Sales are now somewhat healthier but the board headed by Dr David Harper is expecting no more than a return to 1975 profit this year with between 5 and 10 per cent growth thereafter. The new £1.2m plant in Virginia, however, is soon expected to reach break-even throughput. Wet process transfer printing

offers further scope long term
but, although Storey can
already supply the paper, customers are not yet fully geared
up to the new technology.

United Kingdom demand is
expected to be static this year and export growth depends heavily on the upturn in world trade and the value of sterling relative to other currencies. The shares dropped 2p yes-terday to 66p. On the maximum permitted gross dividend of 5.23p they wield just under 8

Wedgwood follows the road for dividend raising in £4.7m bid

By Ray Maughan Wedgwood, the Staffordshire-based pottery and glassware group, is taking the cheap route the dividend-raising rights issue queue with an agreed cash-and-paper bid worth f4.7m for SPR Investments, formerly San Paulo (Brazilian) Railway, where Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Mr A. H. Ball and Mr F. A. Butcher currently represent Lonbro's 29.63 per cent bolding In order to reduce stamp

duty SPR intends to throw a one-for-three capitalization issue after which Wedgwood will offer seven ordinary shares and 15p cash for every 40 SPR Wedgwood shares dropped 8p to 170p in difficult market conditions yesterday, so that the paper offer is equivalent to 120 p per existing SPR share. The offer has been underwritten at 165p per Wedgwood share to give a cash alternative to SPR shareholders equivalent to 117p for each existing SPR share,

General Estates, has indicated that it will accept the cash offer and will vote for the sharesplitting proposals. It was generally accepted in the market yesterday that Wedgwood will not be the last

to use this dividend-raising avenue. Underwriters are happier with the acquisition of physical assets—SPR is virtually a gilt-edged shell—and it is a gut-edged sneil—and it is
therefore possible to get the
price "righter" to the prevailing market price.
The cash alternative is underwritten at a 3 per cent discount
to the current market price

which might be construsted with conventional rights issues which provided a discount of 17 per cent at GKN and an effective discount of around 21 per cent at Lex Service Group.

Treasury permission has been obtained by Wedgwood to raise its gross total dividend from which matches the trust's cur- 8.48p to 10.3p per share for the year to April 3, 1976.



Sir Arthur Bryan, chairman of

vear to April 2 last. At the same time, the board headed by Sir Arrhur Bryan is forecasting a £600,000 pre-tax profit improvement for the year to £7.6m.

The basis of computing stocks and work-in-progress as set out in SSAP 9 of the Institute of Chartered Accountants has not been followed in either the estimate or results shown for the cent in the small Horace Cory

Disclosures on 5pc stakes begin to trickle

By Nicholas Hirst

Disclosures under the 1976 Companies Act, a major part of which came into force yester-day, started to trickle into the Stock Exchange yesterday. But with a full 14 working days' grace in which to comply, many more can be expected to arrive in the next couple of

The Act reduces the size of stake which must be declared in a public company from ten to 5 per cent. Holders of such stakes at the date the Act came into force have 14 days in which to declare. But all new holdings must be declared within five

None of yesterday's declarations were particularly note-worthy. Mr Terry Maher revealed he held 7½ per cens of his master investment con-

Greens Econom notified of shareholdings of 5 per cent or more. ITC Pension Trust 500,000 shares. Sun Alliance & London Assurance 430,000, Scottish American Investment 518,050, P. S. Gar-nett and R. Garnett 620,422, and S. L. Green 1.22 million.

R. Atkinson holds 7 per cent and Negretti & Zambra announced that Jorehaut Holdings had informed it of a 7.6 per cent holding. Negretti went further and said that with the exception of directors they were not aware of any other party with a holding of between 5 and ten per cent. And, finally, the Berry Trust has declared a Japan Investment Trust. While the stakes so far

revealed have had little investment impact, others in the pipe-line may have more effect. The stock market is watching & Co-Mr D. Bass has 6.8 per carefully for Arab interests.

Royal, Commercial Union are travelling well

Two composite insurance and catastrophes, groups, including the biggest. The annual stature pedalling up the insurance. Daniel Meinertz cycle this year.

Commercial Union Assurance

turned round in 1976 from £10.2m of losses to £47.3m of pre-tax profits and shareholders of business depends on economics, politics companies.

The annual statement of Mr Daniel Meinertzhagen, chairman of Royal Insurance is equally confident: He thinks that the steps taken in recent

were told at yesterday's annual The chairman also points out meeting by Sir Francis Sandithat the group had in many lands, chairman that there parts of the world converted should be a further improve- operations from braches into ment this year. The forecast; locally established domestic

vears have raised the quality

Stanley Gibbons tops £1m

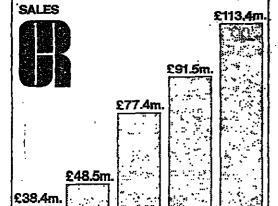
By Ashley Draker
Full-time results of Stanley
Gibbons International, the stamps and magazines group, justify the buoyancy of Mr A. L. way mark in September. At that time no beadway was made with

Michael, chairman, at the halfprofits stalling at £350,000. But for the whole of 1976 taxable earnings topped £1m for the Frankfurt, London and Hongfirst time with a 36 per cent kong at which material worth around 13 per cent. Other secrise to £1.31th. This is easily a over £1m were offered. Eids tors are magazine sales and

"excellent". Early in the final stage, in August, traditionally a quiet month with no auction and turnrecord business. Also in Sep-tember, auctions were held in poured in

f9.19m compared with £7.05m. ings a share improved from This justifies the chairman's 15.63p to 20.6p. It pays a total optimism in late September that dividend lifted from 4.11p gross

Cement-Roadstone Ireland's biggest Industrial Company



Extracts from Chairman's Statement, Michael J. Dargan.

1975

The Group's profit at £11,661,000, an increase of 34,7% over 1975, represents a fine performance by management and employees. The increase was influenced by substantially lower interest costs, by a significant increase in the contribution from our overseas interests, and by the buoyancy of the agricultural sector in Ireland.

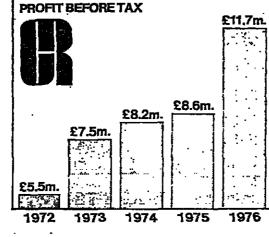
Return on Capital

1973

The Board is implementing a programme for improvement the pace of which represents a balancing exercise between long term strengths and more short lerm returns. Our very large investments in strategically placed aggregate-bearing lands and in technology such as the Platin development and our Belgard Quarry, underpin a future of expansion but do not in the short term show themselves so

Platin Coment Plant Extension We embarked in 1974 on our Platin cement plant

expansion and its enormous capital outlay of some £40m. It is Still within the approved capital budget and projected programme for completion before the end of this year. We underlook this Platin outlay so that we would be amongst the most efficient manufacturers in Europe and our timing has turned out to be good, indeed better than we could have forelold.



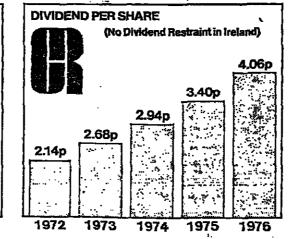
Sales	£113.4m.	%Change +23.9
Profit before Tax	£11.7m.	+34.7
Earnings per Share	11.22p.	+32.5
Dividend per Share	4.06p.	+19.5
Dividend Cover (Time:	s) 2.62	

Diverse Activities

Our trading profits this year were supported by substantial improvement in performance by our interests abroad and by increased exports from Ireland. Our Dutch company, Van Neerbos, returned a satisfactory increase in

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Capital Expenditure £19.4m. +29.1



profits and offers a beachinead for future development. Forticrete in England, with the success of its latest plant at Shepton Mallet, has brought in its best ever profit. Our mining investment in Cyprus has earned a substantially enhanced return. We increased our exports by 34% and now serve some

Investment

It is accomplicit that growth of business and therefrom growth in employment can come only from investment. Since 1970 we in Coment-Roadstone have expended £79m. in fixed investment in 1976 alone line amount was £19.4m, and in the current year will be not less than £18m. Unless we are enabled to earn a reasonable profit and an adequate return on our investments, commensurate with the risk, we will have nether the ability northe will to invest.

We are in a strong financial position, with the ratio of Debt to Shareholders' Funds at a modest 24.3%. This, together with our substantial cash flow and already arranged large unused borrowing facilities, ensures that we can quickly take up investment opportunities.

Your Board and management are dedicated to enhancing prolitability. We aim at a pattern of steady

Scotland Bkdeposits up to £1,352m Current accounts and deposits

of the Bank of Scotland increased from £1,131m to £1,352m in the year to end-February. Within that total the group's foreign currency deposits rose about 50 per cent to form some one sixth of the Of advances to customers, up

quarter relates to medium-term lending. Fixed assets at year-end were up from 560m to £63m. Reflecting the building of the new computer centre, year-end commitments rose from £3.43m to £4.42m. RAINE/SHEFFIELD BRICK Board of Reine Engineering announce that offer of March 17 for ordinary of Sheffield Brick extended until Friday. Accept-ances received for 41,000 ordinary (5.17 per cent of shares to which offer relates).

from £756m to £879m, about a

BEAVERBROOK NEWS
Trustees of the Beaverbrook
Foundation bought 1,400 ordinary Foundation bought 1,400 ordinary shares of Beaverbrook Newspapers on March 25 and 15,000 ordinary on March 31. Directors of Beaverbrook involved as trustees are: Sir Max Aitken. Mr J. E. G. Stevens, Mr P. A. Hetherkogton, Mr Maxwell Aitken and Mr J. Junor.

SIME CUTS HOLDING Sine Darby Holdings' subsidiary, Consolidated Plantations, has sold its investment in Highlands & Lowlands, reducing the Sime interest to less than 10 per cent. Its remaining interest is held through Seaffeld Amaigamated Rubber.

HAMPTON GOLD Under agreement with Pacific Copper and others, Hampton Areas Australia is to buy 30 per cent equity interest in a wolfram mining joint venture at Torrington, NSW for \$A250,000.

AMC REDUCES RATES Agricultural Mortgage Corpora-tion reports that lending rates of interest for all new loans completed on or after April 19 will be reduced from 17 to 14 per cent for variable rate loans and from 16 to 14 per cent for fixed rate

formed Copper Range that it result is expected to depend on will probably vote its 20 per cent CR holding against the pro-posed merger into Louisiana Land Exploration. The Amax move threatens another merger disappointment for CR.

try to save the share-exchange proposal by winning a renego-tiation of terms.—AP-Dow Pfizer growth Pfizer Incorporated, the United States pharmaceutical comp-

any, expects an improving rate of growth in sales and earnings as the year progresses, the president, Mr Gerald Laubach, told the annual meeting. He said the company planned to spend about \$100m (about 58.8m) on research and development this year. Pfizer at present has some new pharmacenticals at advanced stages.— Reuter.

B F Goodrich

B. F. Goodrich, the American tyre group, expects to see a continuation of the first quarter earnings' trend during the rest of the year if general economic conditions remain good, the chairman, Mr Pendleton Pendleton Thomas, states. The company is particularly encouraged by improvements in the largest of its three lines of business-tyres related products-where operating income rose significantly in the first quarter. Reuter.

Salzgitter fears loss

The West German Stateowned steel and shipping con-cern Salzgitter AG's 1976-77 a share. group result is expected to be Last year's first-quarter net worse than in the previous lacome included a non-year. It then had a break-even recurring benefit of \$5.61m or balance sheet result only after 23 cents a share. Revenues for

over contributing about 44 per sales, the rest of the group did cent to turnover. Albums and record business. Also in Sep- catalogues bring in about 13 per cent to turnover, auctions some advertising bringing in 3 per The increase was achieved on Net profit jumped from cent, banknotes and coins some turnover some £2m higher at £479,000 in 1976 on which earn- 7 per cent.

Amax veto planned Amax Incorporated has in £12m) of open reserves. The group steel activities, where Salzgitter is proceeding "very cautiously" because there is still no sign of a genuine change in the market's difficult position.

tion.—Reuter. One informed source said that Jardine Matheson slips it is probable that CR directors will begin manueuvres soon to Jardine Matheson, the Hongkong-based international trading company, announces that its earnings after tax for the year-ended December 31 of \$8.4m (HK\$16.0m) showed a decrease of 18.7 per cent compared with 1975. It has been recommended that the dividend for 1976 be maintained at HK\$0.20.

Transam hopeful

Transamerica, the diversified services corporation of San Francisco, states that first quarter results should establish foundations for improved 1977 earnings. It said that all subsidiaries contributed to higher earnings with Occidental Life, the largest subsidiary, reporting record first-quarter results. Its net income rose to \$12.7m (£7.4m) on a turnover of \$307.6m.—Reuter.

MKU finance needs

Mary Kathleen Uranium must be allowed price increases by May 31 if it is to remain viable, Mr Frank Espie, chairman, told the annual meeting. This, plus a consultant's report were necessary to justify fur-ther funds being provided.—

NCR up 26 per cent Net income of NCR Corpora-tion in the first quarter of 1977 rose by 26 per cent to \$16.6m or 61 cents a share. This com-pares with \$13.22m or 54 cents

drawing on DM50m (about the quarter showed a 9 per cent

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Fine Stone Dearer gold too late now but Dear a dull one to rescue this year first quarterlies Ronald Pollen Ronald Pollen Bespite to at West proved griph in mill the first year.

By Ronald Pullen

Despite the sharp rise in costs at West Drie, a slightly improved grade has offset the fall in mill throughput and working profits were down only R2.3m to R29m.

The latest recovery in the bullion price came too late to the fact the March results and the fact the March results and the fact received by the mines

price received by the mines averaged around \$131 an ounce compared with the \$122 indus-try average of the preceding

The December quarter's black labour shortages were only arriv made good in the March period akhough full complements from end-February and the possibility of an extra shift the possibility of an extra shift the possibility of an extra shift the possibility of the possib tharked improvement in the

marked improvement in the current quarter.

As it is, mill throughput being it is lightly down on the last is as meant working profits arising time at best and in lome of the more marginal in peraisons sharply lower.

Cold Fields mines look to labour shortage with production labour shortage with production tein and Venterspost falling 6-8

Kloof looks to be overcoming earlier production problems with the milling rate up, grade steady and a small rise in costs with the result that working profits rose from R4.6m to R5.5m. And at East Drie only a marginal production fall coupled with higher grade has raised profits sharply to R25.5m.

Of the Barlow mines, Harmony has done particularly well to double gold working profits to R3.36m despite a marginal reduction in mill throughput; and uranium profits, though well down on the previous quarter's R14.8n boosted by stockpile sales, of R9m were better than expected. For the rest, old stagers like East Rand Proprietary Mines, and Durban Deep despite hold-ing production levels are suffer-ing declining grades and rising costs all the time and will need the June quarter's rise in the gold price to staunch their ever-

Insurance leads way as **London United doubles**

The "further advance in should be charged is, in the profits" forecast at half-time auditors opinion, overstated by London United Investments £127,000. for 1976 turns out to be a 100 per cent jump to a record f1.73m pre-tax. Turnover was 64.8 per cent up at £9.22m.

As forecast, it pays a total raised from 5.26p to 5.79p gross. Earnings per share rose from 6.34p to 12.15p. Insurance continued its upward trend, though all sections showed substantial progress.

Hestair on target

A 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, a 17 per cent improvement in turnover and a 49 per cent increase in exports come from Hestair. In the year to January 31, turnover rose from E45.32m to £53.43m and pre-tax profits from £3.11m to £4.01m compared with the forecast of compared with the forecast of f4m made at the time of the Spear & Jackson bid. Total dividend up from 4.92p to 8.63p.

Reed Executive slip

Sales of Reed Executive to January 1 slipped from £11.7m to £11.2m and pre-tax profits from £502,000 to £384,000. The total dividend in turn is cut from 6.82p to 4.62p. The board states that improvement shown in the second-half continued current year. It looks to a "sound" first-half performance.

Harris & Sheldon

The auditors' report in the 1976 accounts of Harris & Sheldon Group is qualified. The auditors say that the extraordinary items shown in the profit and loss account include £127,000, which after taking into account tax of £66,000, amount to £61,000, which are not "extraordinary items, as defined in SSAP No 6. The pre-tax profit against which these

Danish Bacon scrip Although turnover of Danish

Bacon rose from £179.7m to £199.6m in 1976, pre-tax profits fell from £2.27m to £1.82m. Howfell from £2.27m to £1.82m. However, with tax recoverable this year of £382,000, ner profits are up from £1.87m to £2.21m. Earnings per share rose from 56p to 66p and the total gross dividend is up from 10.39p to 11.44p. A scrip of one "A" and one "B" share for every four held is being made.

Peak for Revertex

In 1976 turnover of Revertex Chemicals jumped by 51 per cent to a record £44.79m, on cent to a record 244.79m, on which pre-tax profits rose 16.4 per cent to a best-ever £3.3m. The total gross payment is raised from 6.8p to 7.49p. Dr Ernest Brookman, chairman, says that the result was "somewhat disappointing". what disappointing "

Henry Sykes improve

Despite the recession in the severe drought in the United Kingdom, pre-tax profits of Henry Sykes rose from £1.55m to £1.77m in 1976. Sales were up from £11.62m to £15,21m. The total dividend is being raised from 1.40 to 1.550 This

BSR buying again

Just as BSR's new shares in the one for five rights issue at 105p went fully paid it reported that the bid for Judge International had gone unconditional with 80.1 per cent acceptances Nice timing was also shown with the disclosure that it is buying a Canadian company, Keron (records, changers) for Cana-dian \$6.6m.

Business appointments

Changes at Pilkington

Mr L. N. Wall and Mr J. Leighton-Boyce are to become deputy chairmen of Pilkington Brothers from September 3, after Mr G. W. T. Bird, executive vice-chairman, retires from full-time enecutive work. Mr Bird will remain a director. The post of executive vice-chairman will cease to eixet from that date. Dr R. S. Oliver and Mr G. N. Hey are to join the board from July 1. Mr Kenneth Cork, a director of Plantation Holdings, is to succeed Mr S. W. Livesey as chairman on July 1. Mr Livesey will remain a director.

Following the resignation through ill-health of Mr A. Lebus, Mr K. P. Bennett has been named deputy chairman of Harris Lebus in addition to being managing director. Mr R. G. Willmott because fire the district of well

drector. Mr R. G. Willmott becomes finance director as well as company secretary.

Mr John Halbert has been appointed chairman of Associated Ribish Machine Tool Makers (Holdings) while remaining group managing director.

Mr D. A. Crockatt has become deputy chairman and Mr R. P. Bollom group managing director of Johnson Group Cleaners. Mr J. Crockatt remains chairman.

Mr J. D. Hanson, treasurer of British Aircyaft Corporation, has

been made treasurer of British Aerospace. Mr R. D. Smith Wright, company secretary of Hawker Siddeley Aviation becomes financial controller of British Aerospace. Mr D. W. Allen, executive director (Brough) of Hawker Siddeley Aviation, will be made chief internal auditor of British Aerospace from May 1. Mr Denis Tabor has been appointed deputy chairman and managing director of Barriays

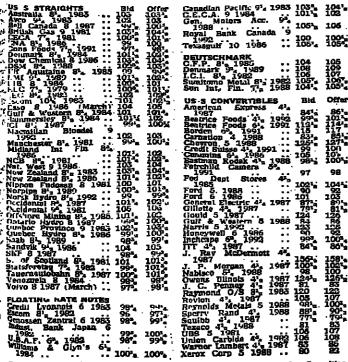
Mr Bryden Henderson, Mr Alexander Stratton and Mr Dun-can McDiarmid have joined the main board of Reed & Smith (Holdings).

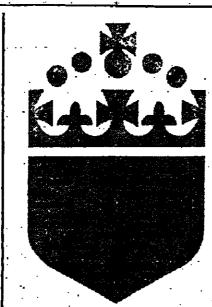
Mr J. E. Searle has been named chief manager, London of The Commercial Banking Co of Sydney to succeed Mr I. S. Mackenzie, who returns to Australia in June as chief manager, managing director's department, head office,

Sydney.

Dr Miriam Stoppard has been appointed managing director of Syntex Pharmacenticals, succeeding Mr John Munson. Mr Nigel Hudson has been promoted semior vice-president and general manager of the London branch of First National Bank in Dailas.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)





insurance

Salient points from Mr. Daniel Meinertzhagen's Statement

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Insurance Company Limited will be held on Wednesday 11th May, in Liverpool. The following extracts are from a statement by the Chairman, Mr. Daniel Meinertzhagen, sent to stockholders with the 131st Annual Report and Accounts.

RESULTS FOR 1976

Despite the many problems that continue to confront us, we were able to show a considerable increase in the profit before tax, the final result being a profit of £78.1 m compared with £32.7m in 1975.

The underwriting result was a loss of £17.8m which compared with the loss of £32.4m in 1975. The substantial improvement in underwriting was achieved, not only in the United States but also in other major territories overseas. Canada showed a marked improvement and in Australia the previous year's substantial recovery was extended into a welcome return to underwriting profitability. In Europe the adverse experience continued to be due to difficult conditions in the Netherlands but elsewhere overseas there was in total a satisfactory level of profit.

For the first time in some years the United Kingdom had an underwriting loss – a very small one – which having regard to the exceptional amount of claims arising from the violent storms which took place in January 1976 and also from subsidence caused by the drought conditions during the year was a creditable result.

There was a substantial increase in investment income of £29.9m to £92.4m, of which approximately £5.8m stemmed from the investment of the money raised by the rights issue and £11.7m from the effects of the depreciation of sterling. The balance reflects the real underlying growth of some 20%.

At the year-end the Group's capital and free reserves amounted to £466m which is equivalent to 42½% of 1976 premiums.

The operating profit for the year after taxation was £50.2m. compared with £21.1m in 1975, and the final dividend recommended of 8.896p will bring the total distribution for the year to 14.726p compared with 13.387p in 1975.

Retained profits at £28.1m were substantially higher than in 1975 (£2.6m) but they alone are still not sufficient to keep the level of capital and free reserves rising in line with the growth of premium income, which reflects not merely the growth in business but also the effects of inflation. It is to retained profits and to market appreciation on the investment portfolio that we must look in the first place to finance future growth of both kinds. This is a problem common to all the larger insurance markets throughout the world and, with stock market performance in most major territories tending to be even less likely than in times past to keep up with inflation, the retained profit element assumes greater importance in meeting future financing requirements.

NATIONALISATION PROPOSALS

One of the more unwelcome developments during the year was the statement presented and adopted at the annual conference of the Labour Party in September 1976 recommending the nationalisation of the four leading clearing banks and the seven principal insurance companies in the United Kingdom, including the Royal. The Prime Minister has made it clear that nationalisation of these companies is not part of his Government's policy and we would hope that no such proposals will find their way into the Labour Party's next election manifesto. The mere threat of nationalisation has, however, already had harmful effects, for it is not easy to convince an overseas client or agent or indeed our overseas staff that a party conference resolution is not the same as government policy. The proposals can only be described as wholly ill-conceived and wholly bad, not just for the companies concerned, but also for the rest of the insurance industry (and banking) and, indeed, for the economy of the country as a whole. British insurance is a highly competitive and efficient industry which makes a vital contribution to our country's economy, not least through its substantial overseas earnings. Our own Group writes nearly a quarter of the overseas general business of British insurance companies.

There are suggestions from time to time that the investing institutions, such as insurance companies, are in some way responsible for a lack of investment in industry. In fact, the insurance industry has always been, and continues to be, one of the major sources of industrial finance. Declining investment by industry is not due to a lack of readiness on the part of insurance companies to provide finance, but rather because confidence has been sapped by the political attitudes adopted towards industry by Government, the growing web of legislation and bureaucratic controls and the high cost of money arising from excessive public sector spending and consequent borrowing requirements. It is not the supply of funds that has failed but the demand for them.

Much of the resources of the insurance companies are made up of personal long-term savings through life assurance or under pension schemes. The companies rightly regard it as their prime duty to invest these savings in the best long-term interests of their policyholders. In view of the substantial proportion of the population covered by life assurance and pension schemes, it seems reasonable to suppose that these interests equate with the national interest.

WILSON COMMITTEE

We welcome the appointment by the Prime Minister of the Wilson Committee to enquire into the role and functioning at home and overseas of the financial institutions in the United

Kingdom and their value to the economy and, in particular, to review the provision of funds to industry and trade. The insurance industry is very happy to co-operate with this Committee in its enquiries and we in the Royal will be playing our full part. We feel that this does give us an opportunity to explain perhaps more fully than we have done so far the structure of our industry and how we operate throughout the world in providing an essential service.

BULLOCK COMMITTEE

Another recent development of major importance has been the publication of the Report by the Bullock Committee on Industrial Democracy. The proposals it contains are now well-known and as far as we in the insurance industry are concerned the whole subject is a matter of great significance, not only as it affects us as companies, but also in our role as investors in a wide range of other major companies to which the proposals apply. The sweeping changes in board structures and responsibilities proposed in the Report would, in our opinion, create many more problems than they would solve and it is imperative that ample time for consideration and discussion is given before any action is taken on the recommendations. Otherwise confidence in industry and commerce is likely to be seriously undermined and recovery from the present economic difficulties impeded.

In the Royal there is a general recognition of the mutuality of interest between the company and the staff. In the United Kingdom much has already been done to extend the involvement of staff by participation and consultation through recognised trade union channels. On the strength of our experience of participation we submitted evidence to the Bullock Committee saying that we would be firmly opposed to the appointment of worker-directors other than on an entirely voluntary basis and advocating the need for participation to be developed from the bottom upwards. We have a world-wide business, some 80% of which is transacted overseas, and 60% of Group staff are located overseas. We cannot believe that legislation giving effect to the proposals of the Bullock Committee's majority report would be other than harmful to the interests of our company and its ability to contribute to the national interest by playing a full part in the insurance markets of the world.

PROSPECTS

It is not our practice to forecast our future progress but I believe that the actions we have taken in recent years throughout the world have greatly improved the fundamental quality of our business and, although we must be continually alert to changing circumstances, I think we are well placed to face the future. As has already been reported, we have in many parts of the world, and for a variety of reasons, been converting our operations from branches into locally established domestic companies and we believe that this too will help our ability to continue expanding, and expanding profitably.

Finally, I express gratitude on behalf of the stockholders and the Board for the devotion shown by the management, staff and agents throughout the world to the conduct of the company's affairs. I am confident that, with the continued exercise of their skill and determination, we shall be able to show further improvements in the company's fortunes in the current year.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Registrars Department, 1 North John Street, Liverpool L69 2AS.

	1976 £m	_ 1975 £m
General Insurance Premiums Written	1,091-8	786-9
Earni ngs		
General Insurance Underwriting Result Investment Income on Stockholders'	17·8	-32.4
and General Insurance Funds	92-4	··· 62·5
Stockholders' Long-term Insurance Profits	1-7	1-7
Share of Associated Companies' Profits	1.8	0.9
Profit before taxation	78-1	32.7
less UK and Overseas Taxation	27-5	11-4
Minority Interests	0.4	- ·-··································
Net Profit	50-2	21-1
(per unit of stock)	(33-5p) <u>.</u>	(15-9p)
Dividend		•
Interim	8-8	6-4
Proposed Final	13-3	12-1
Total	22.1	18-5
(per unit of stock)	(14-7p)	(13·4p)

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Transfer to Retained Profits

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities Oct. £386-93; Dec. £386.73-92.00; Feb. £384-92; April. £584-92.
COCOA: Although at one stage prices weat limit down, at the close May had recovered to finish £16.75 up on the day and July was £44 higher.—May. £2.295.50-2.300 per metric ion; July. £2.205-08; Sept. £3.125-30; Dec. £3.005-08; March. £1.950-60; May. £1.91-50; July. £1.865-1.900. Sales. 4.245 lots including 2 options. £0.005-08; May £1.91-50; July. £1.865-1.900. Sales. 4.245 lots including 2 options. £2.005-08; May £1.91-50; July. £1.950-60; May. £1.91-50; July. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £414.01-50; July. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £1.91-61.90; May. £1.91-61.90; Sales. £1.90; coinodes, Sell-1-1: mer months.

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1980 forecast

Bank Base

Rates

Barclays Bank .. 91%

Consoldted Credits 91%.

First London Secs 91%

C. Hoare & Co .. *9½%

Lloyds Bank 91%

Midland Bank .. 91%

Nat Westminster .. 94%

Rossminster Acc's 91%

Shenley Trust .. 14%

Williams & Glyn's 91%

7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 5%, up 10 £25,000 6%, over £25,000 6%.

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New York, April 18.—The world copper market will continue to be burdened by excess supply through 1980 the Kennecott Copper Corp says in its annual report for 1976. However, it added, in later years demand will probably be greater than supply.

The company based its forecast on the assumption that future copper consumption will grow at an annual rate of 3.25 per cent, almost 25 per cent, less than the rate of the past 30 years. Substitution, a slower growth rate for world economies and slower growth in industries using copper are factors possibly affecting future consumption, it added.

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Kennecott Copper also said that free world copper supply, which has grown at an average annual rate of 3.75 per cent since 1950, will increase only an average 1.5 per cent a year in the years 1977 to 1981 as low prices and high costs discourage investment.

The firm said that during 1976 it increased its copper market share, attributable to Kennecott's evergreen pricing policy adopted evergreen pricing policy adopted in late 1975 to enable consumers to price materials as much as three-months forward.

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The Bank of England mounted a powerful defensive intervention effort around sterling, involving the expenditure of up to \$100m in support in European currency

markets.

A potentially heavy speculative attack on the currency by some banks in Europe was blumed by the Bridsh central bank's operations while a later reversal of the fall meant the Bank was able to buy back most of the dollars it

spent.
The pound closed at \$1.7195, up
15 points on Friday's close. It's effective exchange rate was up 0.1

The Bank of England's intervention, representing one of its most intense periods of support for sterling in several months, was needed after the market grew increasingly apprehensive that the voluntary British wage restraint will break down this

closed at \$151.375 an \$0.5 down on Friday's

Spot Position of Sterling



UK metal stocks

Recent Issues

Corp Ldn 134; 1983,d)
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E Worcester Wir Pe, Bel Pf (†)
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F. F. God 1384; 23-84 (1985)
G.E.C. Floating Rate Notes
G.L.C. 134; 1984 (1986)
Belena of London 130; Cav Pf (E)
Lee Valley Wir Pi, Bel Pf (†)
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Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. † Nil paid. a £10 paid. b£40 paid. c£5 paid. d£50 paid.

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| Discount market |

The Bank of England was required to give extremely large assistance to relieve a shortage of credit on Lombard Street, yesterday. The authorities bought a large amount of Treasury bills, purchased a moderate amount of corporation bills and also, for technical reasons, lent a small sum overnight to one or two houses

at MLR (9 per cent). Identified factors indicated that the help was rather overdone, leaving banks with above target balances to carry forward. Against it, balances were well run down over the weekend, there was a pretty modest Treasury bill take up to finance and there was a fairly large excess of revenue receipts over Government dis-

Rates were up in the region of 81-82 per cent for most of the day but, after the Bank's programme of assistance, balances were finally taken at between 71 and 8 per

Money Market

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 9% (Last changed 15-4-77) Clearing Earlis Base Rate 965 Discount Aft Londs-5 Overnight: High Bank 12 Lov 89 Week Fixed: \$4-82 Treasury Bills (Pin.)
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Yesterday's Wall Street and Canadian closing prices will appear tomorrow. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

Supporters of quota system likely to win the day at sugar talks

By a Special Correspondent This week the world sugar trade's version of Stage Three

wage talks begins in Geneva as representatives of major producing and consuming

years that both sides must now

be keen to revive the pact. In their search for a common strategy to stabilize sugar prices, producers and consum-ers could also help to repair some of the damage caused by the breakdown of recent nego-tiations on the \$6,000m com-mon fund proposal of the United Nations Conference on

Trade and Development. For many Third World pro-ducers, the buffer stock fund was the main platform in their campaign for higher commodity prices. Now, the con-sumer camp has an opportunity to alleviate the fears of many producers and demon-strate that it is truly committed to some form of price

stabilization.
In particular, the Geneva sugar summit offers the developed countries the chance to present an alternative to the buffer stock type arrangement which so many of them seem to oppose. For even producer countries argue that stocks should play a subsidiary role

in any new sugar accord.

What they are seeking is a pact similar to the 1968 ISA. The cornerstone of this type of agreement would be the export quota, which would be divided amongst producers.

Under this system, three wide price bands would be established, related to which would be the export quota. This would change whenever prices crossed into a new range, the general principle being that quotas would be increased whenever prices moved higher, and cut when there was a need to withholid sup-

plies and bolster the market.

Commodities

Not that everybody advocates countries meet to discuss the the quota system. The EEC, creation of a new International for example, favours a version of the buffer stock arrange So volatile has been the ment based on the guaranteed behaviour of prices in recent intervention system operated within the Community itself under the Common Agricul-

terral Policy. But many feel that this is a system geared to creating unnecessary surpluses. A system of this kind, it is argued, woul dhold little for poorer producer, forcing them into expensive stock-holding opera-tions—and, presumably, without the financial support of Unctad's Common Fund

The EEC has good reasons for favouring this type of sys-tem. Under the Lomé convention it is committed to import 1,300,000 tonnes of sugar per

1,300,000 tonnes of sugar per year from the African, Caribbean and Pacific producers group. Since it is already in surplus, this means that the Community has become a major sugar exporter.

Latest estimates put the EEC's total exportable surplus, including imports from ACP countries, at 1,800,000 tonnes. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the Community will oppose any moves which restrict sales to Third Countries and, by implication, threaten European producers, too.

European producers, too.

In its opposition to the wishes of other producers, though, the Community may stand alone, since it seems that the United States will opt for the quota system. And, say some producing countries, so long as the United States joins the agreement, its success is assured. The signature of the EEC, which was not a member of the 1968 pact, is n olonger

vital. But while the broad outlines of the pact seem to have been-finalized even before the talks get under way, none of the quota.

crucial details has been estab. lished. Nobody yet knows how big the quotas will be, and how they will be related to

It seems clear that sugar sold under long-term agreements-Cuba's exports to east European countries, ACP sales to the EEC under Lome-will be unaffected by the quotas. but the criteria for allocating shares to individual exporters

are still to be settled. A country's past export performance will be taken into account, though other stand ands will have to be adopted in deciding quotas for emerging exporters and countries like Mexico, which has recently tumbled down the table of leading sellers.

Exporters, who will probably be expected to settle quote be expected to settle quota-allocations among themselves, have already made their price demands clear. According to Geplacea, the Latin American and Caribbean exporters' asso-ciation which controls 60 per cent of total world output, any new agreement must, in effect new agreement must in effect, support a minimum price of 15

cents per ib at the very least.

For many producers, and particularly those in the Caribbean who are currently having difficulty meeting production costs, this is likely to become the key issue in Geneva. In deed there is even a suggestion that Cuba was purchasing sugar on the world market last week in an attempt to force prices higher and strengthen the producers' case.

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That rumour may be a little far-fetched, but producers have undoubtedly been holding out—and with some success—for higher prices.

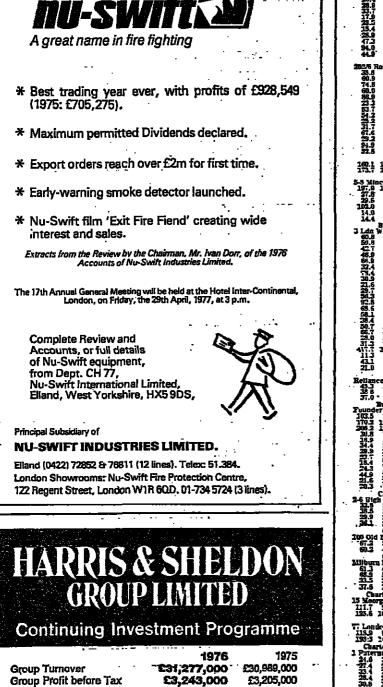
There is a growing feeling that consumers may be prepared to make concessions in Geneva, supporting a move to poitch the minimum at 10 cents. pitch the minimum at 10 cents, in return for what they would consider a reasonable ceiling price. One suggestion is that the United States may go-slightly higher to clear the way for cuts in the domestic import

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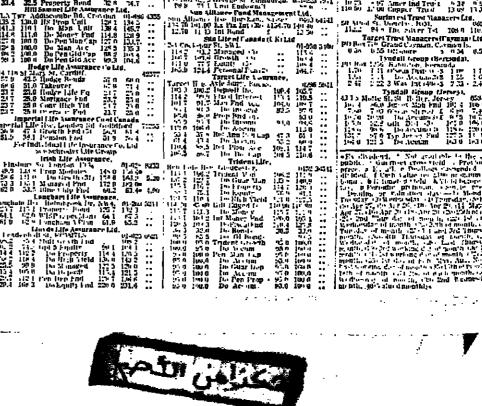
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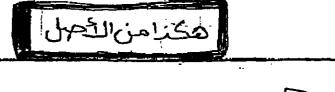


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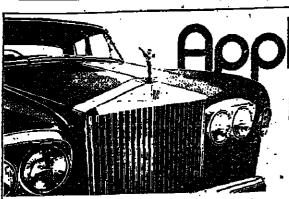
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'Inee Miles: and Peter—a son
William Alexander').

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LL.—On 17th April at St.
s Hospital. Rochampton, to
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Ll—a son (Henry William
t), a brother for Polly and

n daughter.
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BAYLEY.—On 17th April, peacefully at Jordans, Manpain peacefully at Jordans, Marpain peacefully at Jordan Bayley, dearly
inved by her children, Robort
and Elizabeth, and ber nine
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HUTTON.—On April 18th, 1977, poacofelly. Gwanchy, 1978, formerly of white Cottage, Grange-over-Samas, Dear sister to Darolny. Service at St. Paul's Church. Grange, at 2 p.m. on Thurdow, Tist April. all friends welcome. 19 bills April. William Robert Parke. Bobbiet, peacetuilly, at home. Dearly fower husband of Mary, of Dunlichity lodge Farm, inversess. It was his wish that his body ho given for medical research and that no memorial service at St. Mary's Winblesion. On April 18th, Ivon Lewis Lloyd. greatily loved husbana of Wordy and tather of David and Nicholas. Service at St. Mary's Winblesion, on Friday, April 22nd, at 12.30, Privale cremation at Potting Vale. No flowers. Donalions to King Edward VII Hospital. On April 16th, 1977, peacefully, in Winchester, Mildred Mary, Ince Lesile Pounts wife of the Losile Pounts of the April 22nd, at 12 noon. No flowers, please. Donations and mother of Edward VII Hospital. On April 16th, 1977, peacefully, at the age of the April 22nd, at 12 noon. No flowers, please. Donations may be sent to Brenden Mursting Wing, Park Road, Winchester, Grange and Jerny, Service at St. Lawrence. Church, Winchester, in the large of Service of Control of Wing, Park Road, Winchester, Inc. No flowers of Philip Levin, mother of Service of Edward VII Road 22nd, at 12 noon. No flowers, please. Donations may be sent to Brenden Mursting Wing, Park Road, Winchester, The funds. April 22nd, 22nd

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